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## SOVIETS CONTINUE TO STALL FOUR BIG NAZI OFFENSIVES No Material Change on Long Battlefront

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, July 23 (UP).—THE THIRTY-THIRD DAY OF BATTLE ALONG THE LONGEST BATTLEFRONT EVER KNOWN FOUND GERMANY'S TERRIFIC MASS OFFENSIVE APPARENTLY SLOWLY PUSHING THE SOVIET TROOPS BACK; HOWEVER, HITLER'S IMMENSE MILITARY ORGANISATION SO FAR HAS NOT SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING THE RUSSIAN RESISTANCE.

MOSCOW REPORTED THAT FOUR GERMAN DRIVES ARE PROCEEDING AGAINST THE SOVIET DEFENCES WITH UNABATED VIGOUR, ONE OF WHICH IS APPARENTLY AN ATTEMPT TO ENCIRCLE LENINGRAD.

## Britain-U.S. To Counter Aggressive Japanese Move

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—The Japanese Embassy, announcing the receipt of an unconfirmed report that Japan and Vichy have reached an agreement again in Indo-China, declined to give the origin of the report.

A Japanese demand probably concerning Camranh Bay was expected here by a number of observers but the demand covering the occupation of the whole country came as a surprise.

Discussion of the possible demands has already taken place among the officials and legislative leaders in anticipation of Japanese action.

### Anglo-U.S. Measures

Unconfirmed reports suggest that joint Anglo-American economic measures are already planned against any Japanese aggressive move.

The three moves considered likely among well-informed commentators are the stoppage of United States gold purchases; the freezing of Japanese assets and complete embargo on essential exports to Japan. Already it has been reported that Japanese gold shipments are so much above normal that it is likely that Japan has been acting as an intermediary to purchase dollars for the Nazis with German gold.

### Chinese Position

The possibility of China assisting Indo-China if she resists is felt to be impracticable here as the railway linking Indo-China and Yunnan was torn up on the Chinese frontier some time past and the movement of materials and men through such TURN to Back Page, Column 4

## Blenheims Sink Ship

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—Blenheim bombers were out this morning and afternoon searching for enemy shipping off the coast of France and the Low Countries, states the Air Ministry.

During these operations, one coastal vessel was sunk and another was damaged.

Other Blenheims, escorted by a strong force of fighters, bombed objectives near Saint Omer early in the afternoon.

British fighters encountered a number of enemy fighters and destroyed five of them.  
British losses in all these operations were five bombers and five fighters, but the pilot of one fighter is safe.

## Muscovites Fight Raid Fires Effectively

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

MOSCOW, July 23.—The second aerial attack lacked novelty and thrill for Moscow inhabitants although it came at the height of the great city's night life. Earlier in the evening, there was a short alarm, without the appearance of enemy bombers, and while sirens were still wailing—the second alert, anti-aircraft guns opened fire, continuing until dawn.

Russian fire-fighting methods are effective, judging from the small number of fires despite the great German effort. The Soviet procedure is not always orthodox; many Russians received burns by recklessly grasping incendiaries with their bare hands.

Already the Russians seem hardened to bombing. Even the women and children were less hurried in finding shelter at tube-stations, where the current was disconnected, and smoking and rest-rooms were provided.

Some bombs were dropped on the squares and streets, but traffic was not disrupted as Moscow's streets are extremely wide and can accommodate traffic and bomb craters.

## Possible Moves By Japan Envisaged

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, July 23.—There is little reason to doubt the authenticity of the news that Japan has given Vichy an ultimatum about Indo-China although no official confirmation has been received in London.

## NOMURA CALLS ON WELLES

But Tells Little

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—After a half hour meeting with Mr Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador, told pressmen that he hoped the feeling "between our two countries will become better and better."

It is understood that Admiral Nomura discussed the Far East situation, especially Indo-China, but he declined to make any observations on that question to the press merely saying that he had "approached the subject from our side." The Admiral said that he had also discussed the question of Japanese ships being unable to pass through the Panama Canal and he stated that ships could not remain at the Canal permanently. Eight or ten ships had gone to the south and would go round South America. Mr Sumner Welles had told him that the Canal was closed indefinitely to merchant shipping for repairs.

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—The \$244,000,000 bill for additional naval shore facilities has passed the House of Representatives and has been sent to the Senate.

Seeing that the Japanese are already installed in Northern Indo-China, it will not be easy to prevent them spreading to the southern half.

It is probable, however, that the occupation of Indo-China is not an end in itself for the Japanese Government. Rather is it likely that they will use it as a jumping-off ground for their vaster plans of imperialist expansion.

### Two Possibilities

Whether they will travel southwards against the Netherlands East Indies or westwards against Thailand in the hope of ultimately severing the Burma Road life-line of Chungking is in the lap of the gods, but it is clear that a move in either direction will constitute a direct menace to British and American interests and will doubtless be weighed very carefully by Japan before she embarks upon any action.

The situation is being closely watched both in London and Washington and the two governments have been in constant contact. TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## JAPANESE FLEET ON THE MOVE

CHUNGKING, July 23 (Reuter).—While Japan has been presenting demands for air and naval bases in southern Indo-China, Japanese warships and troop transports have been moving south, according to a statement by the Chief of Intelligence Department of the Chinese Army at a Press conference to-day.

He stated that seven Japanese warships, three aircraft carriers and 55 destroyers were sighted off Kishu in southern Japan yesterday steaming south. Thirty transports escorted by three warships had also been seen steaming south from Canton.

**Naval And Air Base**  
Japanese demands to Vichy include the "use of Camranh Bay as a naval base, the use of Saigon as an air base and the garrisoning of troops in southern Indo-China" according to a Chinese spokesman who said that he was quoting from a cable from Vichy dated last Monday.

He added that at present the Vichy Government were refusing the Japanese demands.

Questioned about what action China would take in the event of a Japanese attempt to occupy Indo-China.

The fortnight-long battle of Smolensk continues to rage, but apparently there is no material change in the front line positions.

A Moscow communique mentioned a strong Finn-German attack in the Petrogradsk area, east of Lake Ladoga, while south of this around Prokov the Germans have launched a smashing attack towards Leningrad, thus endeavouring to pin the city between the encircling columns.

The Germans have made no specific claims to territorial gains, but Moscow has admitted that the Russians along the Kiev front have moved back to the Zhitomir area, 80 miles west of the Ukrainian capital and have retired to about 75 miles from Novograd-Volynsk.

### 37 Nazi Planes Down

MOSCOW, July 23 (UP).—A total of 37 German planes were brought down in the two air raids made on Moscow within 24 hours.

A communique states that the German thrust continues unabated on four fronts including in the newly mentioned Petrogradsk area north of Lake Ladoga.

The second German army continues to hammer away in the Prokov area apparently aiming at enveloping Leningrad from the south. After a fortnight the battle of Smolensk proceeded without change.

The central Ukrainian front was marked by fierce fighting at Zhitomir, southwest of Novograd-Volynsk.

### Smolensk Not Taken

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuter).—

"Reuter's" special correspondent learned reliably that Smolensk, which has always been and still is in Russian hands.

**Salla Sector**  
STOCKHOLM, July 23 (Reuter).—The German-Finnish advance from Salla is now proceeding rapidly, having passed boggy land, according to the "Afton Bladet" correspondent at Helsinki.

The advance is evidently directed at Kandalaks with the object of cutting the Russians off from Murmansk.

It is believed that the attacking forces are now within 45 miles of Kandalaks.

### LATEST

(BY "REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN RUSSIA)

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### Roads Blocked

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The spokesman added that France sees no inconvenience in Japan temporarily occupying military bases in Indo-China on condition that such an occupation does not menace Indo-China's integrity and French sovereignty. Japan had made no territorial demands, but merely wants to protect Indo-China.

He said that there was a concentration of Chinese troops in Yunnan and aviation in Burma and Malaya, leading Japan and France to fear an Anglo-Chinese attempt to occupy Indo-China.

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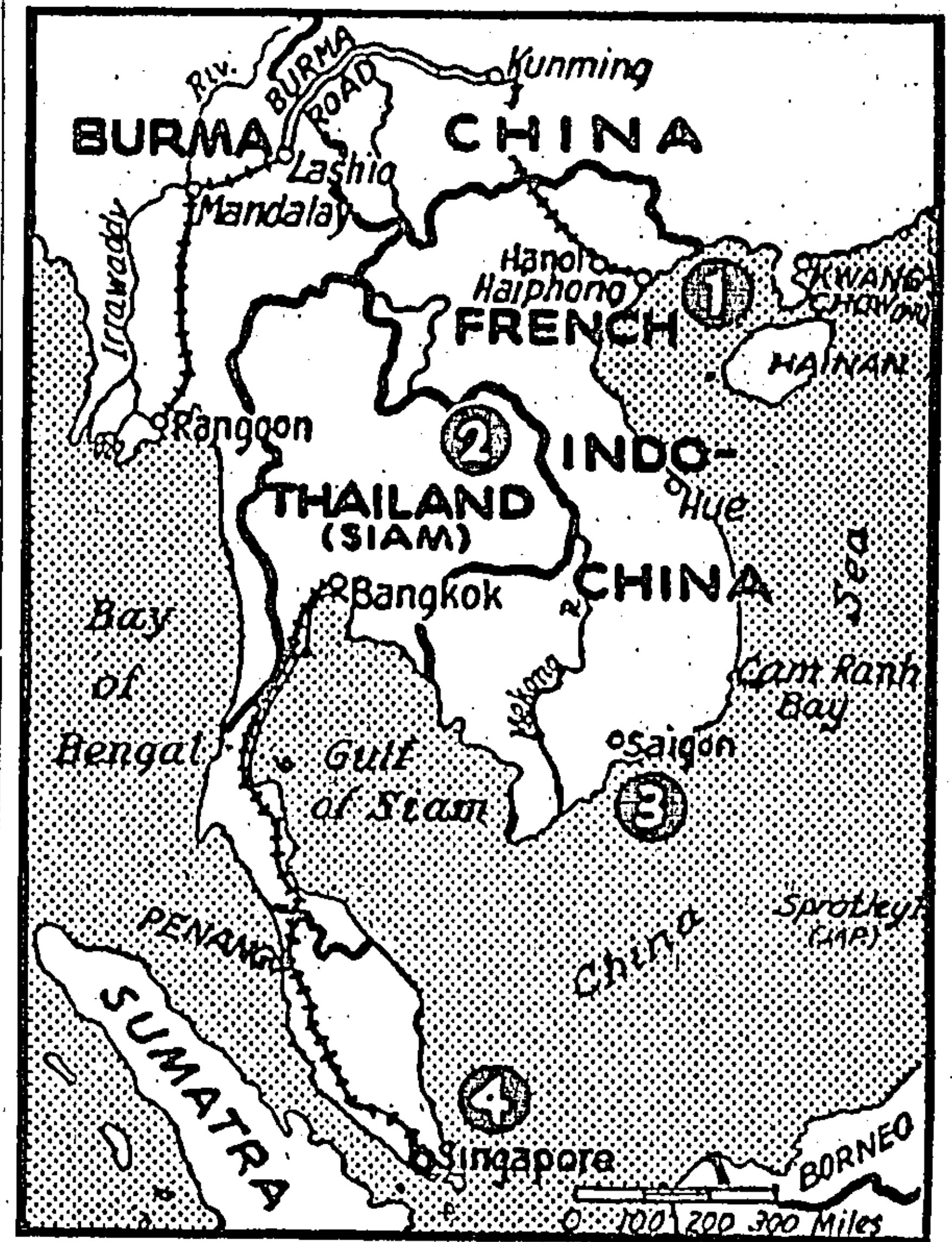
The object of this auxiliary force will be to assist the regular Police in maintaining law and order in case of emergency, and especially in preventing panic, looting and rioting and keeping order at food and firewood distribution centres.

For these objects, it is estimated that a strength of 3,000 men will be required.

**Conditions of Service**  
The Chinese Special Constabulary will be under the control of the Commissioner of Police, and the following TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## Threat To South Pacific

Japan is reported to have issued an ultimatum to Vichy demanding occupation of the whole of Indo-China, which would include air and naval bases in Camranh Bay. This map illustrates what this would mean. (1) Japanese already in occupation in the north of Indo-China, (2) Thailand might well become threatened, (3) Saigon would become a Japanese port, (4) probable Japanese aim would be isolate Singapore.



## Mr Eden's Categorical Statement

## No British Designs On Indo-China, Thai

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, July 23 (UP).—Mr. Anthony Eden, in a written reply to Mr Robert Morgan in the House of Commons to-day concerning the situation in the South Pacific said, "I welcome the opportunity to state that the alleged designs of Britain against both Indo-China and Thailand are entirely non-existent."

He emphasised that the Government was aware of the persistent reports that Japan intends to take action to obtain naval and air bases in southern Indo-China, and said that Britain's relations with Indo-China were very strict since the collapse of France, with limited trading.

"Regarding Thailand," continued Mr Eden, "our policy is governed by a treaty of non-aggression with that country. The treaty is not designed to obtain exclusive advantages and is not directed against any third party, except insofar as such third party may attempt to interfere with those excellent, neighbourly relations, political, economic and otherwise which always have existed between Britain and Thailand."

**Japan's New Move**  
LONDON, July 23 (UP).—Financial circles here report that Japan has launched a new economic offensive in Thailand, doing their utmost to TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## Canterbury On Communists

Clear Issue Before Us

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—"We must wish every success to the valiant Russian armies and people in their struggle and be ready to give them every possible assistance," writes the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Canterbury Diocesan gazette.

It may seem strange to combine an alliance with Bolshevist Russia with the claim that we are contending for Christian civilisation, says the Primate, but such misgivings are really misplaced for the first essential of the struggle is to overthrow the evil embodied in the rulers of Germany; a Nazi victory would destroy any tolerable form of government and the Soviets are contending for the principles of national freedom and independence.

## BRITAIN'S NEW DIVE BOMBER

LOS ANGELES, July 23 (Reuter).—Smashing a glass wand, filled with oxygen across the propeller hub of a new dive-bomber for Britain, Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, declared: "I christen thee Vengeance—the newest V in Britain's campaign for victory."

The dive-bomber, which is a low-wing monoplane and camouflaged, then roared off, climbed to 5,000 feet and went into a steepening dive to 1,000 feet while Vulcans Aircraft workers cheered.

Lord Halifax spoke briefly reassuring the workers that "Britain" is going to finish the job we started to do.











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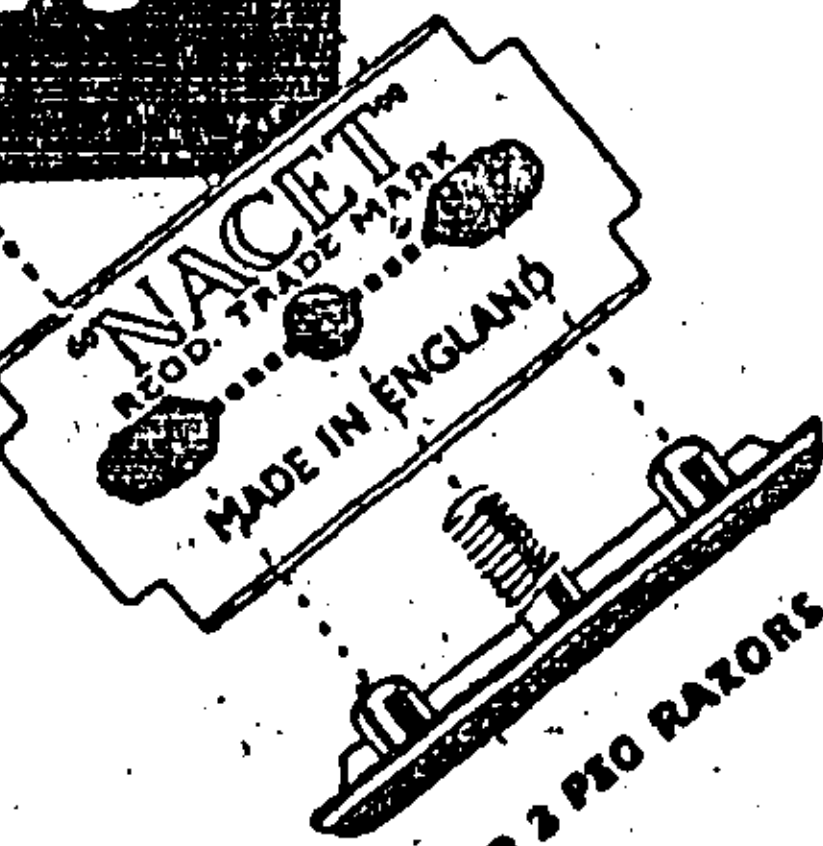
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Were Was I. S.F.T.  
MP53—If Tears Could Bring You Back ..... Victor Silvester Orch.  
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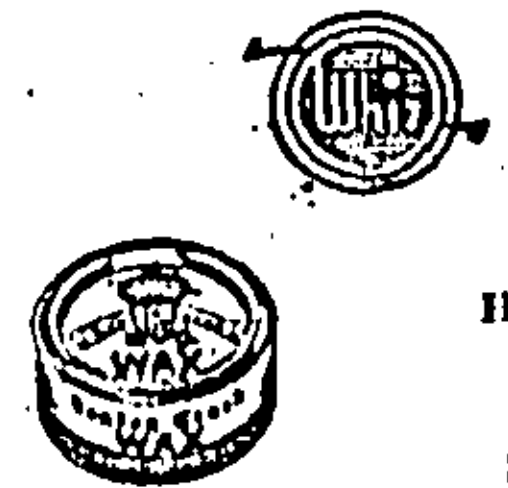


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#### THE BLACK-OUT

WAR, being what it is to-day,  
makes black-outs a necessary  
part of defence, and black-out  
exercises the inescapable res-  
ponsibility of both the authori-  
ties and the public. That being  
conceded, it is still questionable  
whether these exercises should  
be made into endurance tests;  
debatable too whether the sun-  
set to sunrise black-outs ac-  
complish the purpose of making  
the public more efficient in ob-  
serving the regulations. The  
point gains greater emphasis  
when the all-night tests are  
held in midsummer and there-  
fore under intolerable atmos-  
pheric conditions, such as on  
Monday and Tuesday.

The Director of A.R.P., in  
granting the concession of can-  
celling the exercise after the  
second night, held himself to  
be a hard taskmaster and not  
completely satisfied with re-  
sults. Albeit, few will contest  
the claim that the public, as a  
whole, responded nobly to the  
demands which called for great-  
er fortification both physical  
and mental than any of the pre-  
ceding black-outs. After this  
has been said, it still remains  
to be demonstrated what pre-  
cisely of value to the authorities  
was gained by the continuation  
of the black-out after midnight.  
On Monday night the actual  
"raid" lasted from 10 o'clock to  
10.30; on Tuesday from 10.15  
to 10.25. That gave the or-  
ganisers with their various units  
of fire-fighters, rescue squads,  
decontamination squads, First  
Aid and so forth, a full hour  
and a half to carry out their  
experiments, and the inconve-  
nience (a word used by the  
Director of A.R.P., but not  
exactly fully expressing the  
conditions under which the  
Colony was suffering) to the  
public could have reasonably  
been brought to an end. As it  
was, half of the Colony spent  
two sleepless and wholly un-  
comfortable nights. For many  
of those who faithfully carried  
out the requirements of dark-  
ening their rooms, it meant also  
the blacking-out of fresh air.

Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins  
could have obtained all the re-  
sults he needed up to midnight  
and then by lifting the black-  
out, have given the sweltering  
populace a few hours of relief.  
At the best of times a black-  
out does nothing to aid morale;  
under Monday's and Tuesday's  
conditions the Colony's morale  
became practically non-existent.  
It is bad policy to whip a will-  
ing horse; it breeds resentment

# They want all we can sell them

HOW effectively Britannia rules the waves is well demonstrated  
by the experience of the official Trade Mission which, under  
my leadership, has just completed a tour of South America.

Travelling in British merchant ships, without escort or convoy—  
except for the company of a similar vessel on the outward voyage and  
of a couple of ex-American  
destroyers on the last two  
days before reaching Liver-  
pool—we covered more than  
20,000 miles, proceeding by  
an indirect route to Buenos  
Aires and returning from  
Valparaiso through the  
Panama Canal.

In all those vast stretches  
of the Atlantic and Pacific  
Oceans we saw no sign of  
enemy submarine, aero-  
plane, or surface-raider,  
nor, so far as I know, were  
ever menaced by mine,  
torpedo, or gun.

Such German and Italian  
ships as sighted were craft  
that for many months have  
been lying in South Ameri-  
can ports, fearing capture  
by the Royal Navy if they  
ventured to put to sea.

One German warship did  
indeed come within our  
view. She was the wreck of  
the Graf Spee, scuttled in  
the River Plate. As a  
souvenir of the British  
victory which brought her  
to that ignominious end, I  
was given a switchboard  
from her fire-control station,  
which I had the honour of  
presenting to his Majesty  
the King.

Under arduous conditions  
of travel, and amid the try-  
ing heat of the South Ameri-  
can summer, I can very truly  
say that all the members of  
my Mission worked tremen-  
dously hard, and we hope  
that what we have done will  
produce useful results.

#### WHEN FRANCE FELL

THE Latin-American na-  
tions are ardently de-  
voted to the ideals of indepen-  
dence and political freedom.  
The moral support given by this  
country to their struggle for  
liberation at the beginning of  
the nineteenth century is not  
forgotten by them. They realise  
that to-day we are fighting in  
defence of South American li-  
berties as well as of our own.

Everywhere we found the  
most sincere desire to show  
friendship and sympathy for  
Britain.

It was evident that the fall  
of France had been expected  
to bring about the defeat of  
Britain. The relief and ad-  
miration produced by this coun-  
try's steady determination to  
fight on were increased, during  
our stay in South America, by  
the splendid exploits of the  
Greek Army, and by General  
Wavell's triumphant advance in  
Africa.

If I were to refer to special  
incidents that impressed me on  
my tour, I should recall the din-  
ner at Lima, to which 400 Per-  
uvian sympathisers with Britain  
hear more about the British war  
effort. They follow our for-  
tunes with anxious interest.  
The arrival of our party of  
mainly middle-aged and elderly  
Englishmen, who had left Lon-  
don six weeks after the begin-  
ning of the war, invited the mem-  
bers of my Mission. Every speech delivered  
on this occasion conveyed the  
and a consequent loss of con-  
fidence.

The necessity of black-out ex-  
ercises in summer time is not denied,  
but let them be effected without  
subjecting the Colony to futile dis-  
comforts. If the requirements of a  
black-out exercise cannot be met by  
the public in the space of three  
hours, the solution is not to extend  
the regulations into the sweltering  
hours which precede the dawn; this  
serves no purpose. The answer is  
either (a) have more exercises, but  
of shorter duration, or (b) penalise  
those areas which fail to conform to  
the regulations by giving them extra  
black-outs.

## by the Marquis of WILLINGDON

P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.B.E.

former Governor-General of Canada, Viceroy of In-  
dia, who headed the official British Trade Mission to  
South America. Now, on his return, he tells of his  
experiences, of the attitude of the Latin-American  
nations to Britain and the war.

most ardent wishes for British scribbling generously to the vari-  
ous war funds. In Argentina

During our visit to that coun-  
try, the women of Peru publicly links and a gold brooch, each  
presented to Lady Willingdon made in the form of a Spitfire,  
three lorry-loads of woollen gar-  
ments for the British Red Win-  
ston Churchill, as a mark  
Cross. My wife cabled an an-  
nouncement of this gift to her  
Majesty the Queen in London,  
and received a gracious acknow-  
ledgment which delighted the  
generous donors.

All these South American  
States are intensely eager to  
ning of the heavy air raids last  
September, manifestly gave  
them a thrill.

#### LET THEM KNOW

IN every country there  
was a great desire to  
get hold of first-hand informa-  
tion from responsible English-  
men as to what the real position  
was throughout the Empire.  
There had been a great deal of  
extremely active German and  
Italian propaganda. South  
Americans had seen some in  
rather lurid pictures of the ef-  
fects of the "blitzkrieg."

I feel that still greater energy  
must be shown by all our na-  
tional institutions concerned—  
the Embassies and Legations in  
South America, the Ministry of  
Information, and the British  
Council—to satisfy the demand  
of that continent for fuller in-  
formation about the achieve-  
ments and resources of the  
British Empire.

The spirit of the British re-  
sidents in South America is ex-  
cellent. There was great en-  
thusiasm among the younger  
members of these communities  
to come home and fight for their  
country. We brought back from  
Valparaiso not only British and  
French recruits, but South  
American volunteers as well.  
The citizens of the various us  
and those nations for so  
great deal to support our cause,  
The British colonies there are  
helping in every way, and sub-  
Latin-American nations.

## Britain's Strangest G.H.Q.

By  
Walton Adamson-Cole

I am at a British G.H.Q.  
where at this moment a relent-  
less offensive against the enemy  
is being directed but no daily  
communique records the pro-  
gress of this campaign.

Around me are not field-  
marshals and generals but  
economists, business men and  
shipping experts who control  
Britain's fourth arm—shipping  
and blockade.

An atmosphere of confidence  
prevails. The Battle of Britain's  
ocean supply lines is raging and  
graphs tell its progress, but  
anxiety over torpedoed tonnage  
is allayed by conviction that we  
shall master the submarine  
menace and implement Mr  
Churchill's forecast that the  
Battle of the Atlantic may be  
won in a few months.

Ships—big, small, motor or oil  
burning—seem to be the very breath  
of these men's lives. Perhaps it is  
because they know that their  
stewardship of these ships is the in-  
surance on the existence of the lives  
of free Britons for, without ships,  
Hitler's blockade triumphs.

#### Telling Reports

Into this vast operation control  
headquarters flow reports telling  
of the progress of the battle of ship-  
ping and blockade.

Who better than a man who, since  
the day war broke out has been  
sifting this information and taking  
swift action on the data acquired  
from it could tell the story of the  
campaign?

Here it is as he spoke to me at his  
desk littered with coded cablegrams  
and charts:

"We are getting supplies through.  
The enemy is being repulsed at a  
considerable but not perturbing cost.  
To get a true perspective of the po-  
sition assess the progress of this battle  
by taking our losses in one week,  
say at 80,000 tons, and put them  
against the weekly loss of vital raw  
material and supplies of 400,000 tons  
that the enemy suffers through block-  
ade. The successes are not all his.

"No one appreciates more than  
Hitler that the cargoes sunk by his  
U-boats or surface raiders are in-  
significant against the tonnage that  
gets through. With the gathering  
momentum of help from the Ameri-  
cans still more will arrive despite his  
threats.

"Our blockade has now put the  
enemy on a diet. By their food blockade  
propaganda and devices to entomb us  
with the French fleet they confess  
the blockade is bludgeoning their  
plans. Cleverly they blame the  
blockade for the world's sufferings  
in a bid to beat it. France and the  
Low Countries are told they go  
hungry because of the blockade.

#### Evil Bait

"South America is assured that  
she is not selling her goods purely  
because of it. But South America is  
alive to the dangers of Nazi economic  
infiltration and penetration and still  
remembers those German promises  
to fulfil orders last October after the  
victory over us.

"These stories of blockade evils  
are a bait to distract the attention of  
the world from the Nazi efforts to  
organise Europe as an arsenal.

"The Nazis ransacked countries  
indiscriminately because they thought  
the war would soon be over. Now  
they are finding great difficulty in  
organising things. It is not the food  
that is worrying them but shortage  
—and in some cases complete absence  
—of vital raw materials.

"They are worried and their every  
act illustrates their dire need to get  
in touch with the world.

"We have access to all the markets  
—the cotton, oil and rubber they  
want.

The world is being provided with  
example, not only by us, of how the  
Nazis ignore the rules of inter-  
national trade—and defy the neigh-  
bourliness and understanding which  
makes world trade possible—to ex-  
ploit other people for the sake of  
their war machine and gratification  
of lust for possession."

## Movable Towns For Workers

Munition workers whose factories  
are in districts where local accom-  
modation is over-taxed, will be  
housed in movable hut towns which  
can be built in a few weeks.

Plans for setting up these mass-  
produced towns are complete, and  
one will be ready in a few weeks.

Designed and planned by Mr  
Howard Robertson, the towns are  
constructed in sectioned units.  
The huts are complete in a factory,  
then dismantled and the various  
parts taken to the site.

Electricity and water will be laid  
on. Cinema, restaurants and re-  
creation rooms are included in the  
town planning.  
Where new munition factories are  
being built the workers' homes will  
be erected at the same time.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"This is the time of the year when Ed takes out  
straw hat he packed away so neatly and carefully last  
autumn and decides to buy a new one!"



## Thailand Hopes For Neutrality

BANGKOK, July 23 (Reuters).—In view of the present tension in the Far East, in which Japanese intentions regarding Indo-China and Thailand are the subject of keen world-wide speculation, special importance attaches to Premier Luang Phibul Songgram's latest pronouncement of foreign policy.

Bidding farewell to the Thai official delegation proceeding to Battambang to take over Indo-China territory ceded under the Tokyo Treaty, the Premier strongly emphasized that Thailand will continue to adhere to strict neutrality.

## AMERICAN WOMEN TRIBUTE MADAME CHIANG

CHUNGKING, July 23 (Central News).—A message of tribute to Madame Chiang Kai-shek for her leadership of Chinese women in the war of resistance during the past four years has been received here from leading women members of the United China Relief Committee in America on behalf of American women.

The message was addressed on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the Sino-Chinese war on July 7. Prominent among the signatories are Pearl Buck, noted American author, Mrs. Henry Luce, wife of the publisher and editor of "Time," "Fortune" and "Life," and Mrs. Wendell Willkie.

## NEW DEFENCE COMMISSAR

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuters).—M. Stalin has added another Vice-Commissar of Defence to the group whom he has gathered around him, bringing the total up to six.

The new Commissar is M. Peresipkin, who was formerly Commissar of Posts and Telegraphs.

## NURSES ABOARD TORPEDOED SHIP

NEW YORK, July 23 (Reuters).—The destruction in the North Atlantic of the Norwegian cargo steamer Vigrid, reported to have occurred two days ago, has been disclosed in maritime circles.

It is unofficially reported that the vessel was carrying Red Cross nurses to England.

## Duke Of Kent To Visit Canada

LONDON, July 23 (Reuters).—The Dominions Office officially announced this evening that with the King's approval, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent will shortly be proceeding to Canada for a brief visit.

The Duke is greatly interested in the Commonwealth Air Training Plan and is desirous of seeing for himself some of the air training establishments where pilots and air crews are being trained.

The proposal has been warmly welcomed by the Canadian Government and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Announcement

OTTAWA, July 23 (Reuters).—H. R.H. the Duke of Kent will shortly be leaving for Canada. It is announced by Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister.



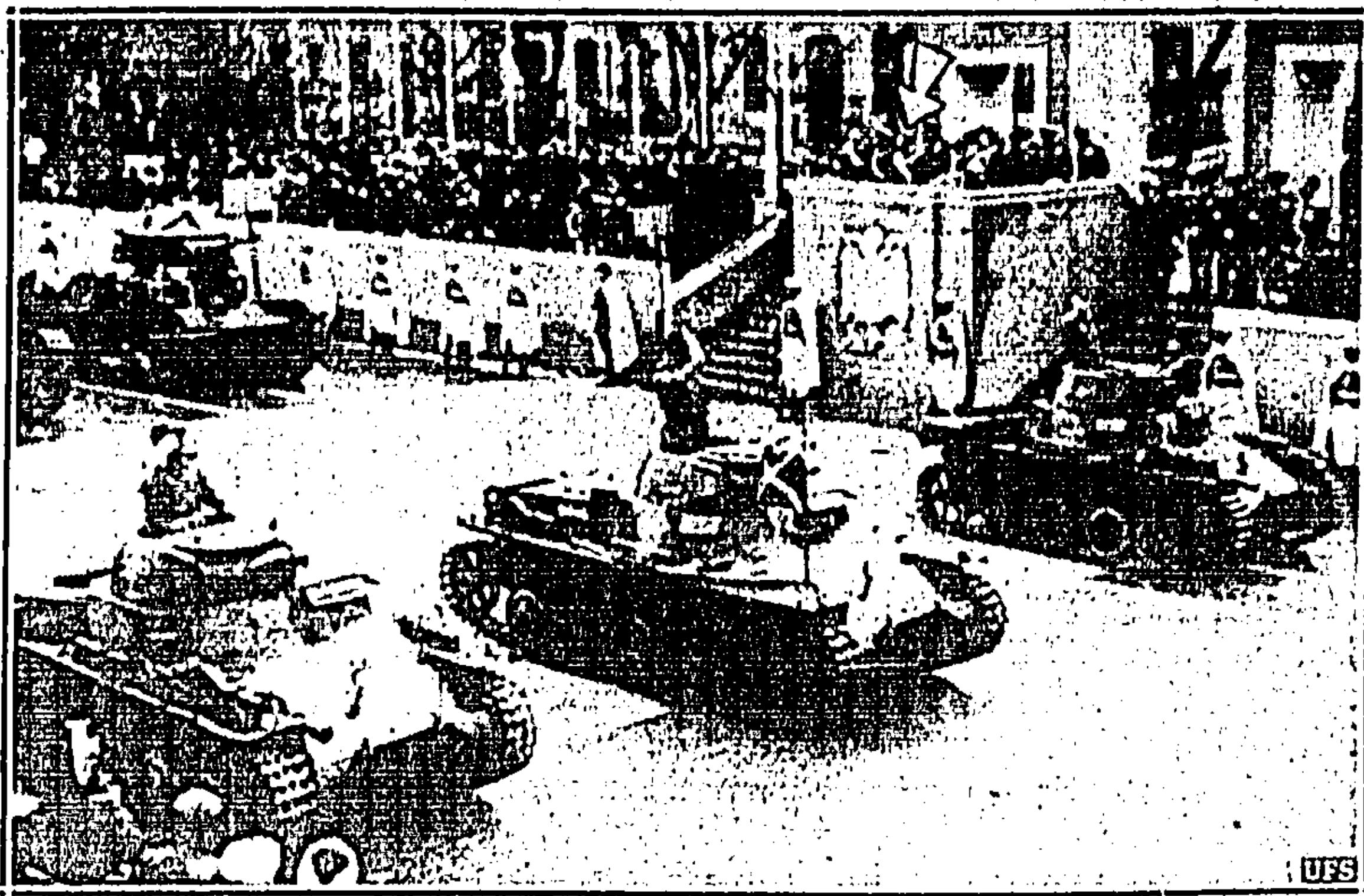
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THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY  
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THERAPION No. 3



ANNIVERSARY—Generalissimo Francisco Franco, indicated by arrow, reviews military parade in Madrid marking second anniversary of end of Spanish civil war. He's under pressure by Nazis.

## French Labourers Attempt Strike

ZURICH, July 23 (Reuters).—Commenting on Moscow's broadcasts inciting French workers to strike and sabotage, the "National Zeitung" says that widespread strike movements have been attempted among textile workers and coal-miners in Northern France but they were instantly throttled by the occupation authorities who close food shops and prevented the sale of food to strikers.

The Vichy authorities have a harder task to prevent strikes as they are reluctant to use similar drastic measures.

In the unoccupied zone, "staggered" strikes consisting of stoppages lasting several hours are successfully carried out by individual sheds, which is sufficient to hold up production in whole factories.

According to the French pro-German weekly paper "Gringoire," 10,000 former officials of the French Communist Party have been arrested and 9,000 have been interned of a total of 30,000.

## Indian Units Thanked By Army Council

SIMLA, July 23 (Reuters).—"On behalf of the Army Council, I wish to express deep appreciation of the contribution made by Indian troops to the successful operations in Syria," says Captain David Margesson, Secretary for War, in a special message to the Viceroy.

Captain Margesson adds that the supreme effort of the Indian brigade at Damascus was, in co-operation with the French, decisive in the capture of that city, while the speed and dash shown by the column advancing from Iraq into northeastern Syria were powerful factors in bringing the campaign to an early conclusion.

The Viceroy replied: "Your message of appreciation is deeply valued in India. We are all proud to share the Indian troops had in the Syrian operations and count it a privilege that units of the Indian Army were able to play a worthy part."

## University In Strip Tease

ONE thousand Harvard undergraduates reversed procedure when they disrobed before Sally Rand, America's queen of strip teasers.

Miss Rand appeared at their annual smoker in Boston. She had promised to do a striptease, but did not keep her promise, and students started chanting: "Take them off. Take them off."

"I will, if you will," cried Sally.

Instantly coats, socks, shoes and trousers rained about her, but she didn't so much as unzip a zipper.

Miss Rand spent the rest of the night being waited about by half-clad Harvard men.

## Transformation In Middle East

LONDON, July 23 (Reuters).—"The position in the Middle East has been transformed as if by a miracle," said the Nawab of Ranpore in a statement issued today and quoted by the Reuters Radio.

"Following the suppression of the Iraqi revolt, Nazi domination of the Vichy administration of Syria has been checked, and the safety of Egypt is assured. It is a grand thought for all Moslems that such should be the position to-day as compared with what we feared two months ago."

## Ships For Britain Coming Off Slips

NEW YORK, July 23 (Reuters).—The first of 30 ten-thousand ton cargo ships being built for Britain at the Todd shipyards in California is expected to be launched on August 15, four months to the day after the keel was laid.

Three more hulls are now on the slipways. Thirty similar vessels are being built at the Todd yards at Portland, Maine.

ZURICH, July 23 (Reuters).—The German Press to-day turned its full propaganda fury on President Roosevelt who was attacked with unprecedented violence. The newspaper reproduced photographs of the President as a freemason.

## Houses In Safe Areas Popular

While residential property in the heart of London has slumped, Londoners are paying millions of pounds for country houses in safe areas.

Country houses are also in demand as clubs and offices.

Many estate agents, to deal with the business, have opened special departments.

One firm sold seven properties for £50,000, and properties valued at from £2,000 to £4,000 are snapped up as soon as they come on the market.

Purchasers are experiencing difficulty in getting staffs and are using only portion of their houses.

Rent racketeering for flats and furnished rooms in the country still continues.

The premium and key money abuses have been revived. The Minister for Health, Mr. Ernest Brown, campaigning on behalf of tenants, has launched hundreds of prosecutions against racketeers, but the fines are light, ranging from £5 to £20.

A premium of £35 and £10 10s. rent were charged for a flat the rent of which was officially assessed at £2.

A tenant who rented a cottage for 12s. a week sub-let one room for 35s. a week.

## Girl's Attempt To Wed At 15

BECAUSE her daughter, 15, was so much in love that it was feared she would run away from home, a Liverpool mother signed a form giving her consent to the girl's marriage.

The girl appeared at Liverpool Juvenile Court on a drink charge.

Mr. E. H. Sidgreaves, prosecuting, said the girl went to a Liverpool register office with a 20-year-old girl friend and a young Dutch seaman.

The girl asked for a special licence to marry her Dutch lover.

She said she was 16, but the assistant registrar made inquiries and told the girl that she could not marry as she was under 16.

Ruse Fails

Her girl friend then began to cry, and declared that the marriage would have to take place as the Dutchman was the father of the 15-year-old girl's expected child.

It was found that this story was an invention.

The marriage did not take place. "I am astounded," said Mr. J. Worrall, presiding magistrate, "that a girl of 15 could invent such a story to arrange her marriage."

The girl was sent to an approved school.

## Wants News Of Miss Blitz

The Sub-Dean of London University wants to find Miss Sonya Blitz. Her address has been lost as a result of the university having been bombed.

There were six people of her name in London's telephone directory. Two of them were unobtainable and none of the others knew anything about Sonya.

Some of them, obviously, did not care for their name, but one business woman scorned any suggestion that she should change it.

With a name like mine customers can't forget you," she said.

One Mr. Blitz, Mr. Charles Blitz, of Hackney's A.R.P. Service, has, however, altered his name to Bliss.

"We didn't mind our logs being pulled about the Blitzes beating the Blitzes," he said. "But we did not like our name being associated with mass murder."

## Britain's 5th Column Under Key

LONDON, July 23 (Reuters).—When a resolution was moved in the House of Commons to-day for continuing the Defence Act emergency powers in operation for a further year, Captain O. Peake, Under-Secretary of the Home Office, revealed that in all 1,779 people had been detained under the famous regulation 18 B.

Captain Peake intimated that this number had fallen to-day to 762. Of this number, 292 persons were detained as members of an organisation which was subject to foreign influence or control. Some were British subjects only by accident of birth and there were also others belonging to a sort of international underworld which floated from one capital to another without any strong national loyalty.

## Anti U-Boat Successes

LONDON, July 23 (Reuters).—Sir Victor Warrender, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, refused to be drawn into details when questioned in the House of Commons to-day on U-boat losses.

"While I regret that I am unable to give details of recent activities against U-boats, I can state that the results lately achieved have been encouraging," he said.

## No Censorship Say Japanese

LONDON, July 23 (Reuters).—"Don't" to-day commented on President Roosevelt's declaration of a Japanese censorship on cable and radio communications. The Agency says that the declaration was based on misinformation or designed as malicious propaganda. It also declares that no censorship has been enforced and that the only restriction is that outgoing telegrams must be in German or English.

## HAPPENINGS IN GERMANY

Hess Mentor Held

LONDON, July 23 (Reuters).—The continued house arrest of the "geo-political" theorist, Dr. Haushofer, who was arrested at the time of the Hess flight, is reported by a "Reuters" correspondent "somewhere in Europe."

The same source reports that the belief is held in many German circles that the Army is likely to take over control of Germany from the Nazi Party this autumn if by then big successes against Russia are not achieved.

## Tobruk Sortie

CAIRO, July 23 (Reuters).—Another patrol raid was made at Tobruk last night when British troops penetrated to a considerable depth, but no serious clash with the enemy occurred.

A few casualties were inflicted.

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## Poison Gas Considered By Nazis

Revelations Of Secret Documents

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuters).—Further details concerning the contents of secret documents (detailing instructions for the use of poison gas) which Soviet Russia claims were seized from routed German soldiers at Zapadnala and Pyschna on July 15 have now been disclosed.

According to the Russian authorities, the captured packets were sealed and stamped by the German High Command and addressed to the 2/62 Nebel Merfer Regiment.

Instructions Widespread

The high series of the numbers on one of the enclosed documents indicate that similar instructions were issued to a great number of other regiments.

The detailed explanations bore the date, July 11, and were for the concerted use of "withering" irritant gas shells, the purpose of which is to wear down the physique of the opponent, and then the use of blue-green and greenish gas shells containing vesicant (blistering) and other lethal gases.

## HONGKONG SCHOLARS' SUCCESS

News has been received in Hongkong that Gloria June Moss & Evelyn Grace Morrison have passed the Cambridge School Certificate Examination.

The candidates were pupils of the Central British School of which both were Prefects and, owing to the evacuation, their entries were transferred to the Melbourne University, Australia.

Another achievement is that of Marion Hill, who was recently awarded a special Singing Scholarship at Bedford High School for 12 months; in addition, the Board of Governors granted her a second scholarship in the form of Free Tuition during the remainder of her time at the School. Marion was Head Girl Prefect at the Central British School which she left in April 1939 having already passed the Cambridge School Leaving Certificate Examination at the age of 14 years 3 months with such a high standard that she was granted exemption from the London Matriculation examination.

## FATE OF GREECE

Burden Of Axis Maintenance

ZURICH, July 23 (Reuters).—The fate of Greece is forming the chief subject of Italian-Bulgarian conversations which are taking place in Rome, according to the "Tribune" do Geneva.

The correspondent says: "Italy, which is finding the occupation of Greece a pure burden owing to war devastation and economic disorganisation, is obliged to husband her own resources in view of the expectation of a very hard winter."

"Italy is therefore proposing that Bulgaria should share the task of keeping Greece alive and reconstructing the country."

## Eden And Maisky In Conference

LONDON, July 23 (Reuters).—The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, accompanied by Lieut-General Golikov (who has just returned from Moscow) and Admiral Kharlamov, had a talk with the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Anthony Eden, this afternoon.

## London Soccer Clubs Form League

LONDON, July 23 (Reuters).—London football clubs which have been unable to accept the League fixture list which necessitates long distance travelling have formed the London War Football League.

The Association will be asked to sanction the formation of this new league in which 11 London clubs and five nearby clubs will be members, making a programme of 30 matches.

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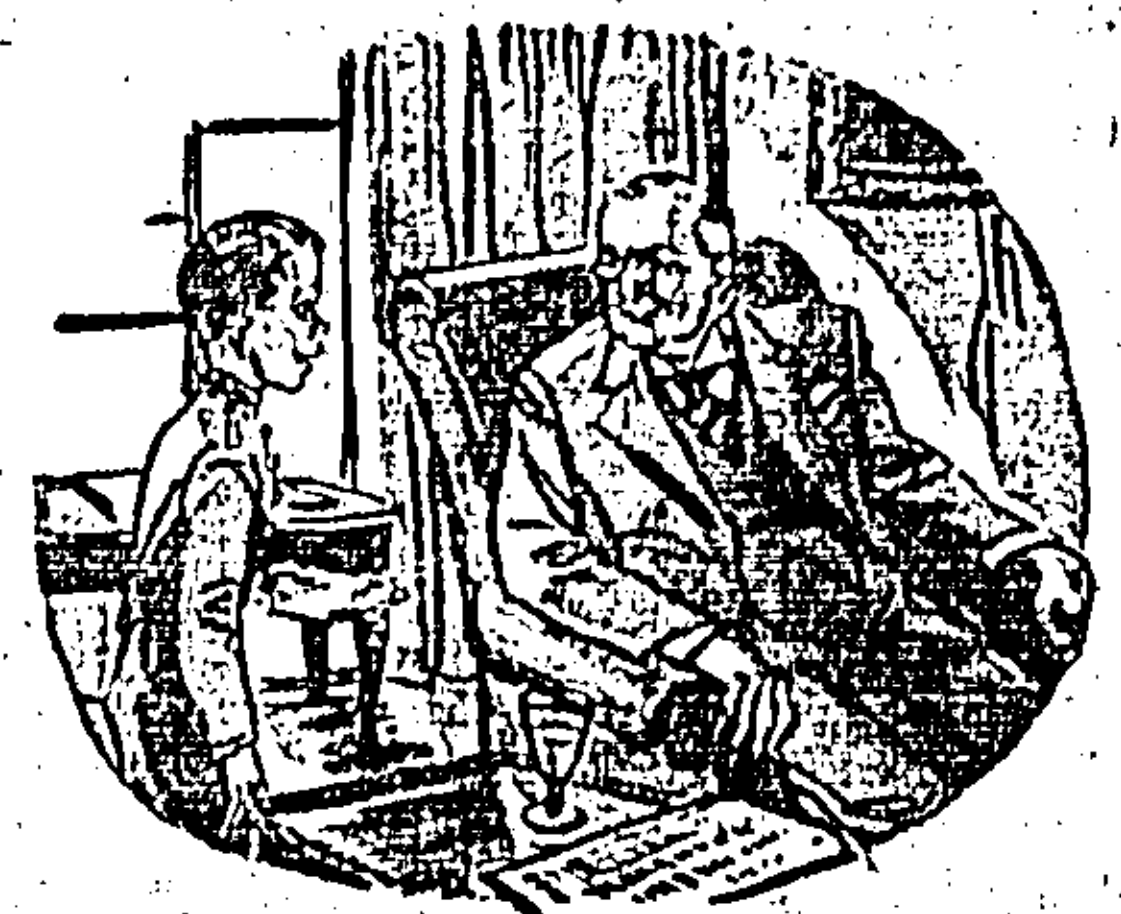
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## SAGING THE PAGE

"How old are you, my boy?"

"Fourteen and seven months, Sir."

"And how long have you been in the hotel business?"

"Six months and two weeks, Sir."

"And are you going to stick to it?"

"Oh yes, Sir. I want to go till reception, then have a year in New York, and another in London."

"And then come back and manage an hotel?"

"Oh no, Sir. A chain of hotels."

"I see. Well, my lad, if you want to succeed in life, just take a hint from me. When a guest asks for a Gimlet make sure that he gets what he asks for. Rose's Lime Juice is the pure juice of the lime. This ersatz concoction is nothing of the sort."

"I'm terribly sorry, Sir. Owing to some oversight on the part of the management..."

"Boy, remember George Washington. Now get me some Rose's Lime Juice, and don't come back till you've got it. And here's a florin for your trouble."



# "WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

## Craigengower Virtual League Champions



KOWLOON B.G.C. "A" v. INDIANS. Close game at Austin Road. W. L. Walker (bowling) with A. Hyde-Lay, A. K. Suffad, J. W. Deacon, M. B. Hassan, U. A. Rumjahn, J. McKelvie, J. Hoosen and R. P. Phillips (preparing to bowl).—Ming Yuen.

### Pairs Champions Somewhat Fortunate To Have Won

#### U.A. and A.H. Rumjahn Defeated

WHATEVER the tactical errors, the Open Pairs match at the Civil Service C.C. last night in which the champions, H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, beat U. A. and A. H. Rumjahn 28-27 was one of the most exciting of the tournament to date.

Man for man, the Indians were better than the Recreio pair, and from several viewpoints should have won. U.A. Rumjahn played one of the finest games of his career and except for the last two heads, when the greatness of the occasion seemed to affect him, was consistently around the jack.

As is always the case in bowls matches, the errors are credited to the skips, for theirs are the last words to be said down, and on this occasion there is no gain saying that had A. H. Rumjahn shown a little more understanding a different tale would have been told.

The I.R.C. skip was consistently good, though. He played well within the task he set himself, but spectators' opinions were that his tactics were at fault.

#### Near Defeat

THE CHAMPIONS had never been nearer to defeat. Even on the 20th end, when the Rumjahns were leading 27-25, and on which end the Recreio men drew to level scores, a different tale would probably have been told had Rumjahn (A.H.) held heavy with his first woods to open the head instead of trying to draw to a hidden jack and leaving his drive to the last.

U. A. Rumjahn was ever round the jack, and though Alves on a number of occasions made slight alterations to the lie, the task of consolidation was the skips'. And of the two, A. H. was the more consistent.

The Rumjahns scored two 5's and two 4's which were not surprising in view of their accuracy. But on several heads when early heavy woods would have possibly sprung the jack into a more favourable position, A. H. Rumjahn drew though having two or three well-placed back woods.

#### Critical Head

This, incidentally, was the tale of the 20th head. Alves had drawn three, while U. A. Rumjahn had laid three woods at the back. Spread, as these latter woods were, A. H. had

### B. W. Bradbury's Return Makes All The Difference

#### Recreio's Fourth Defeat

THERE SEEMS HARDLY ANY doubt now that Craigengower C.C. will annex the First Division League championship which they last won in 1936. Following the defeat of Recreio "A" last week by the Police and their own clean-sweep success over Kowloon C.C., the Happy Valley men are in an almost unassailable position.

And if Craigengower do win the championship, they will have fully deserved it. For look at their record to date. After losing the opening match of the season to Recreio "A" at King's Park by four points to one—by only one shot on aggregate—they have won 39 points out of the next possible 40! A great performance indeed.

The return of B. W. Bradbury to the team has made all the difference in the world to the side. In nine matches, Bradbury, who has had the same rink all through, has lost only one—the opening game.

U. M. Omar, with three front men of the calibre of A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar and R. Basa, has not yet lost a match in the League, while Craigengower's third skip, C. S. Rosset, has lost only twice, both times while playing away.

With three such well-balanced rinks, it is not surprising, therefore, that the Valley men have carried all before them. In their match last week against K.C.C. Rosset scored the biggest win. His opponent, E. C. Fincher, was not getting nearly as good support and consequently had a bad time of it throughout the match. Fincher conceded 33 shots, but had he failed, more often than he did, the total against him would have been a great deal higher.



G. H. Smith... Winner of Happy Valley Junior Championship.

THE Police themselves will be the first to admit that the Recreio "A" team which went down to them at Happy Valley was only a skeleton side. Volunteer duties robbed the champions of the services of nearly half their regular men, and the result was a bad beating by four points to one.

Nevertheless, the winners are to be congratulated on making the most of their opportunity. J. C. S. Fender, for instance, scored a particularly fine victory over Carlos Silva, who filled the vacancy of the third skip. Helped by consistent drawing by his front men, Fender won by 31-9—the biggest defeat Silva has sustained in the last ten years at least.

"Spuggy" Silva registered a lone point for the champions at the expense of Wally Mair, but Raoul Luz was only one shot to the bad against the redoubtable J. Shepherd.

AN interesting game was played at Austin Road, where Kowloon B.G.C. "A" defeated the Indians by six shots and by four points to one. Actually the match was very close throughout.

At ten-time, A. K. Minu was four up on A. J. Hall; M. R. Abbas was five up on Adam Holland; and A. R. Dallah was eight down to Bob Duncan, giving the Indians a one-shot advantage.

After the interval, the same keen struggle was maintained with the teams perhaps never separated by more than two or three shots. When Abbas had finished his match against Holland with eight shots to the good, Dallah was four down to Duncan and Minu was five down. Though the Indians were one to the bad, Minu had still a head to play and Dallah two.

However, the Indians lost all these three heads; Minu conceded a single and Dallah lost a three and a single, giving the Bowling Green a six-shot win.

"Jock" McKelvie played a great game as No. 3 to Duncan, who was himself in rare form. Hall scored on the last six heads to win by six shots after being down 18-13. He was given all the support he wanted by H. White at No. 2 while Percy Peckham, playing his first game for the "A" at No. 3, was quite consistent.

RATHER surprisingly, the biggest win of the day was scored by Kowloon Docks at Austin Road over Kowloon B.G.C. "B". Apropos of this, I have a confession to make. On Saturday morning, I was asked by the man who drew Ticket No. 192 in the sweep—which won the first prize on Kowloon Docks—what I thought of the chances of the ticket winning one of the three big prizes. "Not a hope," I said.

Was my face red when I heard that the ticket had carried off the first prize? I'll say it was! It was a good bit of work, though, on the part of the Docks to win by 40 shots. They were up on all rinks and their five points have put them on level terms with their opponents of last week with 13½ points each at the bottom of the League Table.

DOWN on two rinks, Recreio "B" took the lion's share of the points against Civil Service C.C., thanks to the splendid victory of C. A. Lopes, skipping

#### League Tennis

### C.R.C. "A" Beaten By Recreio In "C" Division

OUTSTANDING VICTORY of the "C" Division tennis matches yesterday was that of the Club do Recreio over the Chinese Recreation Club "A" by 4-1. F. J. Remedios and J. C. Fonseca were the most successful pair for the winners in that they took two sets and lost the third by 7-5 only.

Chinese R.C. "B", however, inflicted 9-0 defeat on the Indians, while second heaviest beating of the day was that of Kowloon Tong by Craigengower.

In the third match, Army defeated the University 7-2.

Scores were:

C.R.C. "A" 4, Recreio 5

C.R.C. A lost to Recreio, 4-5.

C. Wei and H. Chung lost to F. J. Remedios and J. C. Fonseca 1-6; beat H. A. Noronha and P. A. Yanovich 6-0; beat H. A. Marques and A. J. Noronha 6-0.

H. N. Chau and P. H. Chu beat Remedios and Fonseca 7-5; lost to Noronha and Yanovich 3-6; lost to Marques and Noronha 4-6.

S. Y. Tong and C. K. Li lost to Remedios and Fonseca 0-6; beat Noronha and Yanovich 7-5; lost to Marques and Noronha 3-6.

Army 7, University 2

Army defeated University, 7-2.

Murray and Morgan beat K. Y. Tam and P. K. Hoo 6-3; beat T. Lin and K. Lo 6-2; lost to S. L. Yung and C. C. Cheah 4-6.

Gibbs and Denyer beat Tam and Hoo 6-2; lost to Lin and Lo 4-6; beat Yung and Cheah 7-5.

Duffield and Emberson beat Tam and Hoo 6-2; beat Lin and Lo 6-1; beat Yung and Cheah 6-1.

C.C.C. 8, K. Tong 1

Craigengower beat Kowloon Tong, 8-1.

W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo beat T. Chen and A. H. Bato 6-1; lost to S. Iau and C. Chen 3-6; beat D. Kwok and E. Penn 6-1.

H. K. Lee and J. W. Leonard beat Chen and Bato 6-0; beat Iau and Chen 6-2; beat Kwok and Penn 6-2.

P. C. Yu and M. C. Hung beat Chen and Bato 6-2; beat Iau and Chen 6-3; beat Kwok and Penn 6-1.

I.R.C. 0, C.R.C. "B" 9

Indians lost to C.R.C. "B" 9-0.

A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell lost to F. K. Lau and P. F. Wong 0-6; lost to W. Chu and L. F. Lion 1-6; lost to Y. Y. Lam and T. Lau 2-6.

M. P. Madar and A. H. Esmail lost to Lau and Wong 1-6; lost to Chu and Lion 2-6; lost to Lam and Lau 2-6.

M. Hassan and M. A. Walub lost to Lau and Wong 3-6; lost to Chu and Lion 0-6; lost to Lam and Lau 2-6.

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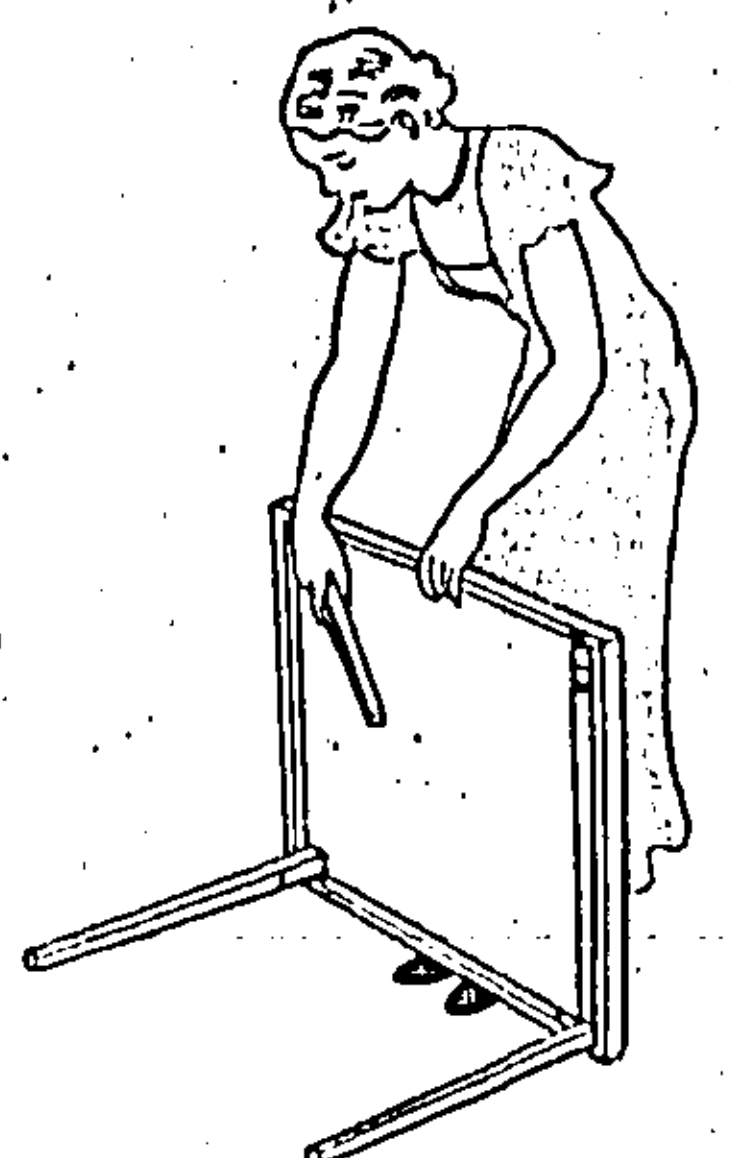
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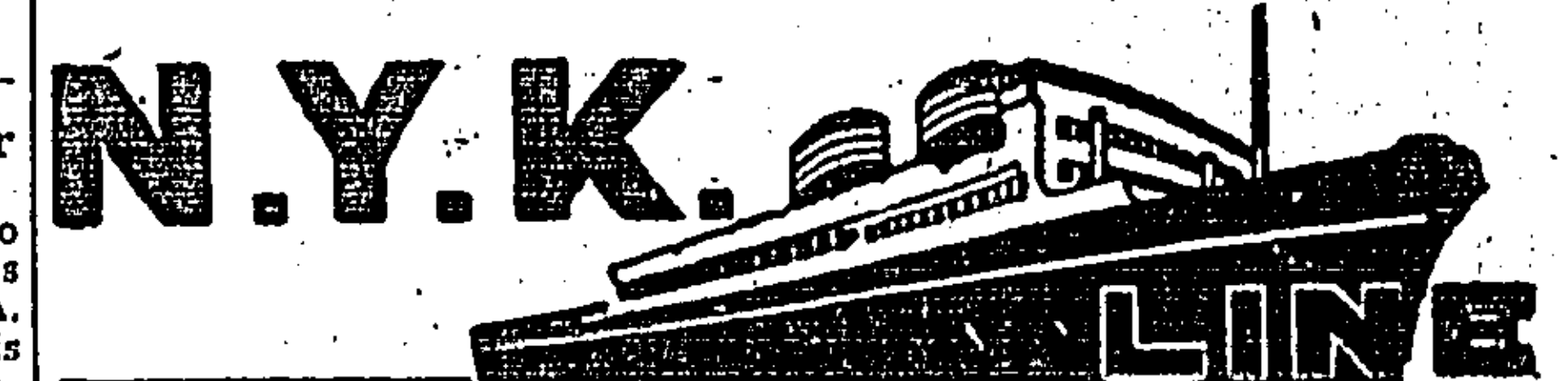
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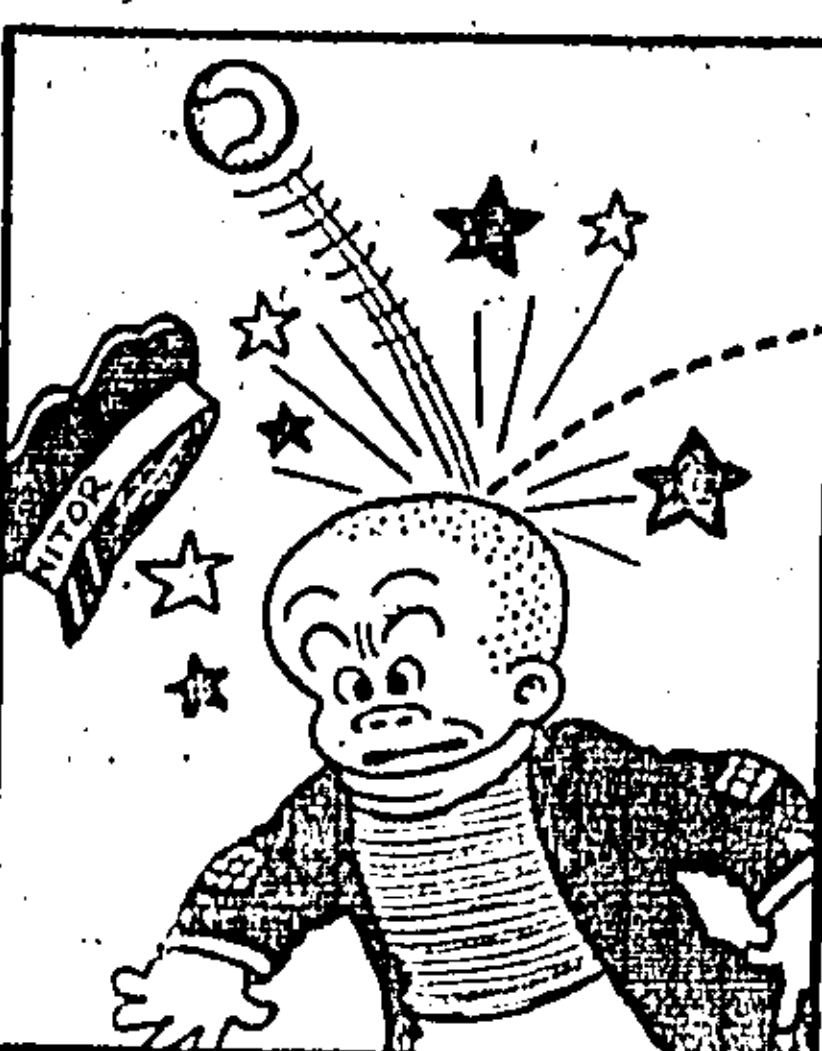
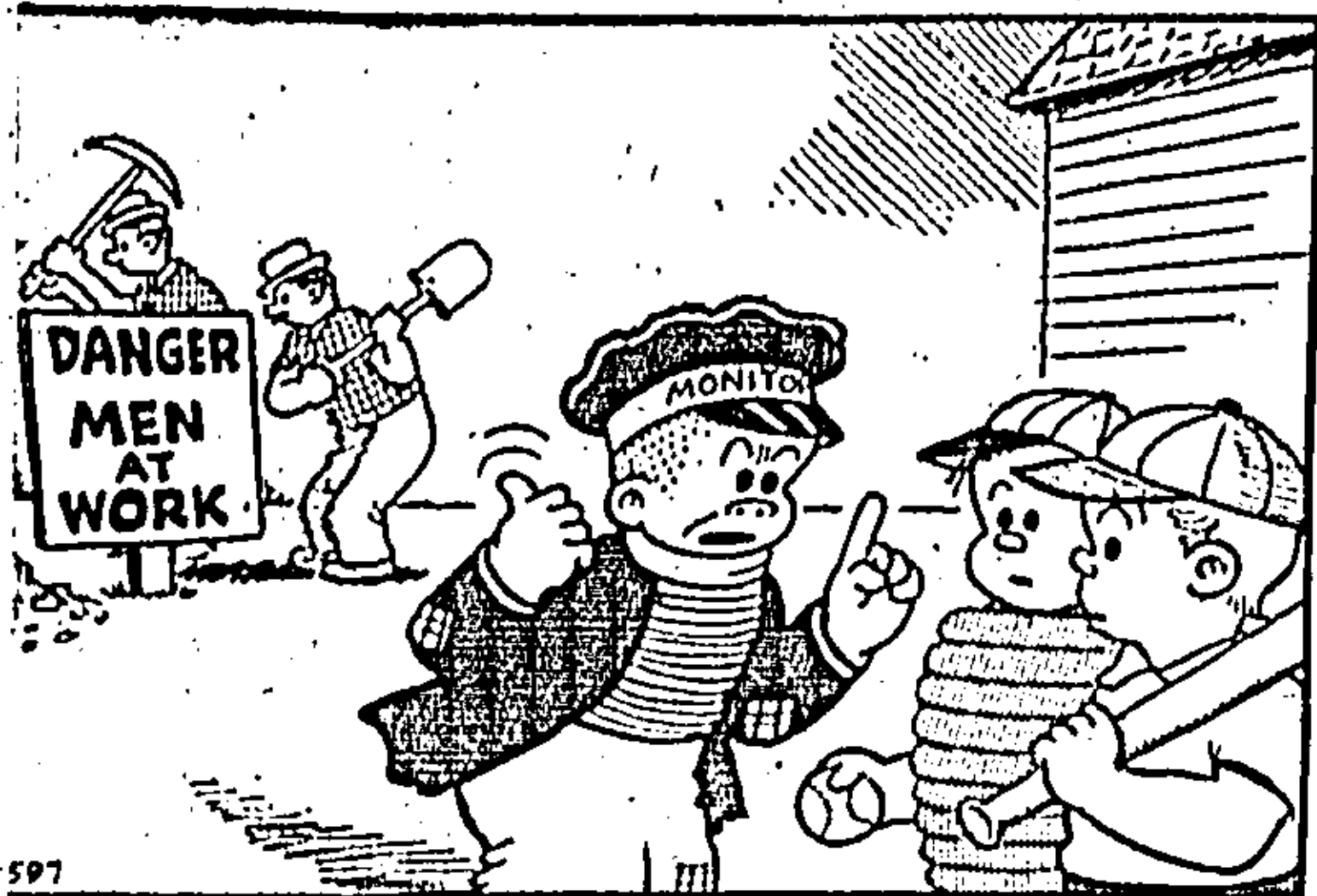
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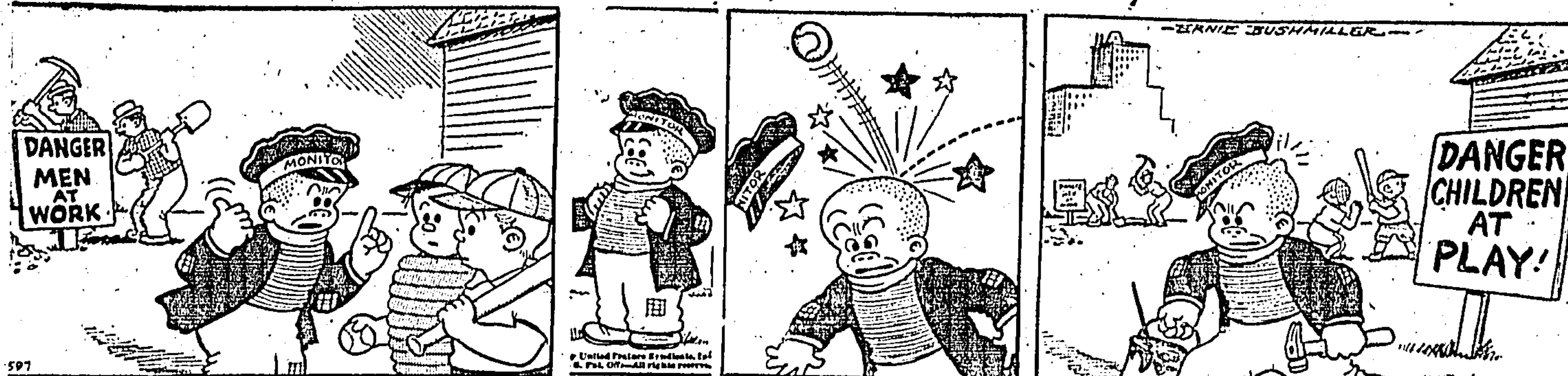
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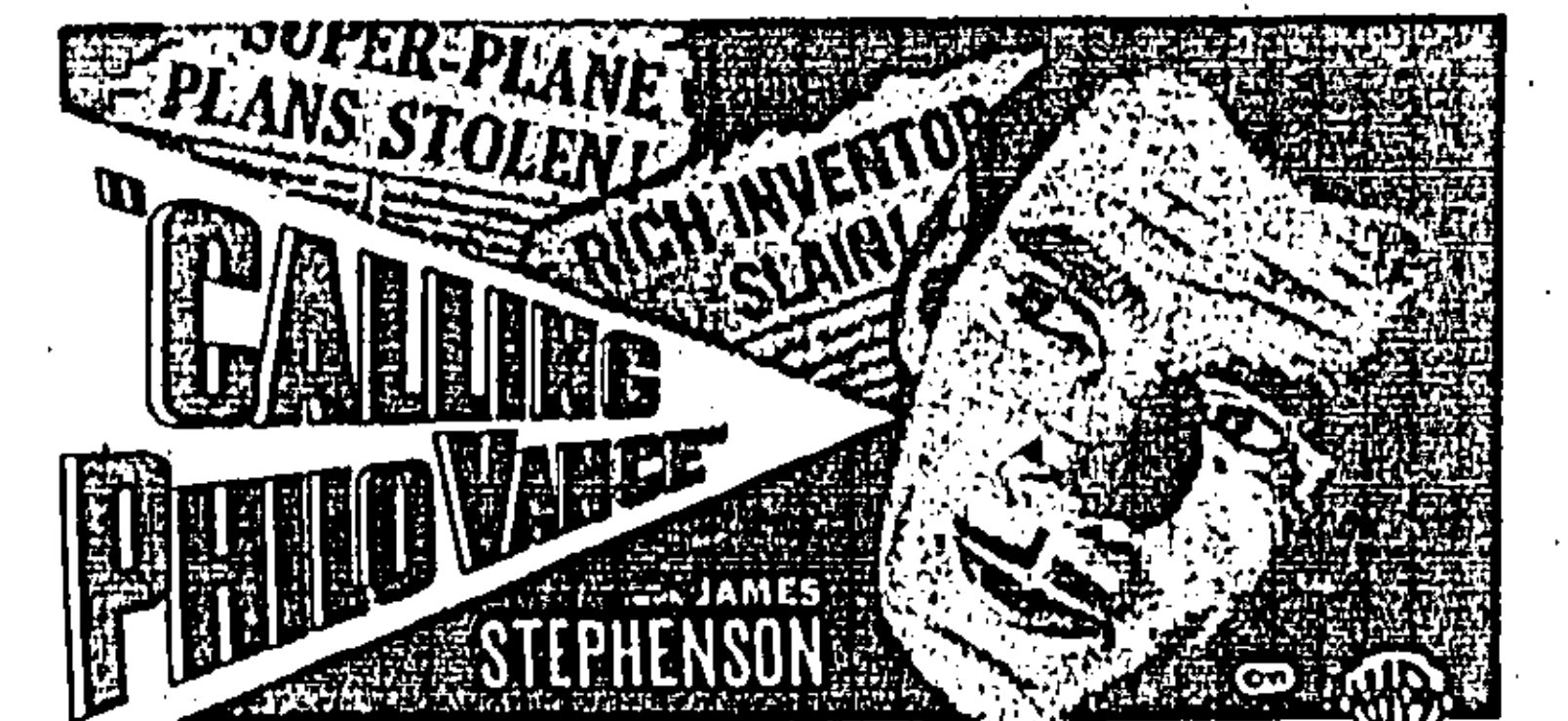


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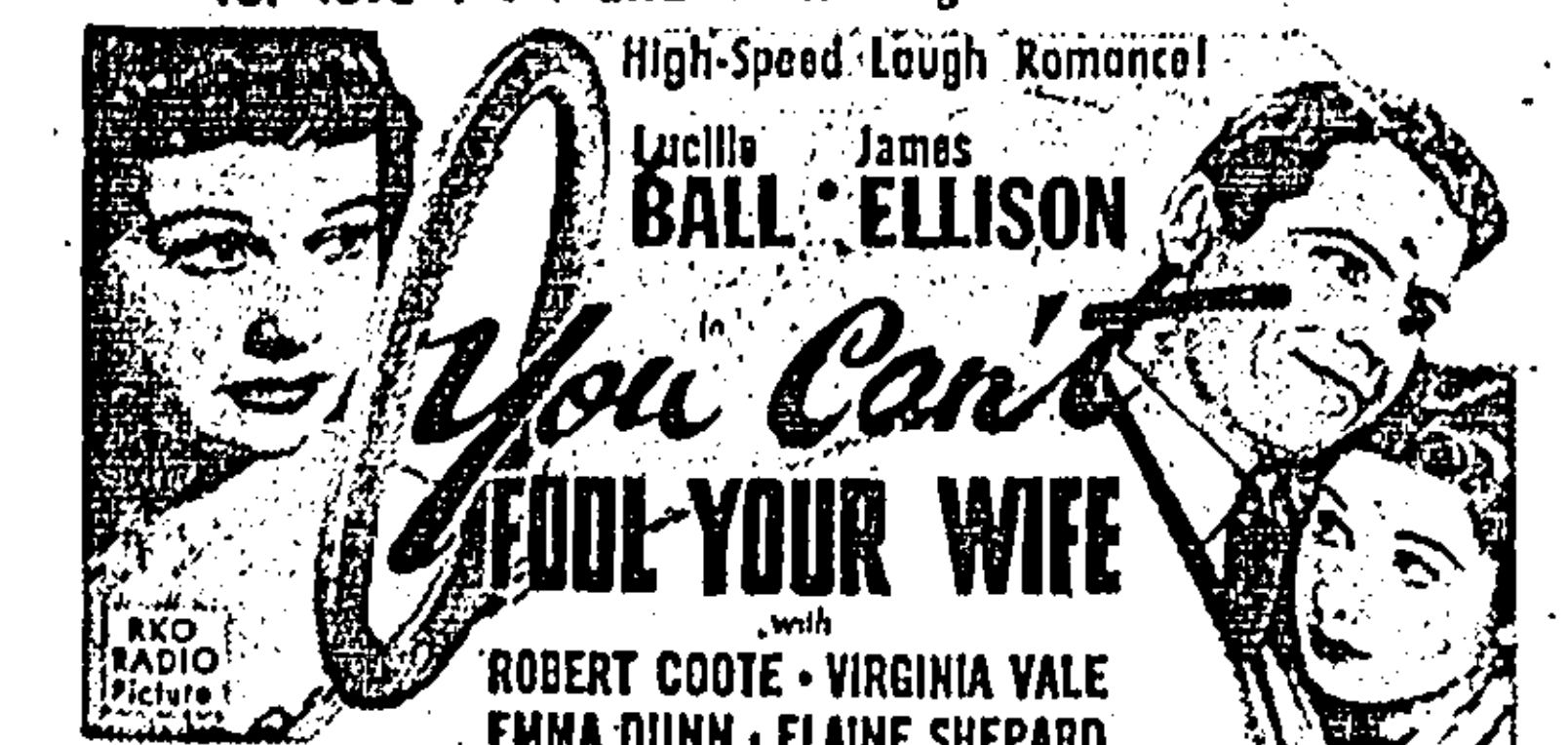
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It is learned that recruiting will start immediately, and applications to join will be received at Central Police Station, on the ground floor next to the Central Magistrate's Court, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Applications for enrolment are required to be endorsed by a guarantor.

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### No Firearms

It is understood that the Special Constabulary will not be provided with firearms.

Selected men were last year invited to join a similar body about the same time that the now-defunct Peace Preservation Corps was established. After a brief period of training, the few who joined were released from service, and nothing further had been heard of the scheme until now.

## Possible Moves By Japan Envisaged

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sultation with regard to all possible developments.

The Australian and other Dominion governments have also taken part in these exchanges of views.

### Signs of Yielding

HANOI, July 23 (Reuter).—The paper "Arip" quotes Paris newspapers advising the French Government "to take precautions in view of the danger menacing Indo-China should the situation become more complicated."

"It is possible that a crisis infinitely more vast than the recent crisis in the Near East may arise in the Far East and in view of the material impossibility of military measures, diplomatic measures must be taken in agreement with Japan to assure Indo-China's safety."

The report also confirms that the Japanese Ambassador in Vichy, Mr. Sokomatsu Kato, recently visited Admiral Darlan twice and recalls that the relations between Indo-China and Japan are determined by economic and political agreements which are in full force.

The publication of this item in the official government news agency appears to indicate that the Indo-China public is being prepared very soon for an announcement of agreement giving Japan new facilities in Southern Indo-China.

### Indo-China Shipping

SINGAPORE, July 23 (Reuter).—According to travellers, all French merchant shipping is forbidden in the last four or five days to leave Indo-China harbours. No reason was given.

### No British Designs On Indo-China, Thai

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acquire available rubber and tin before the United States and Britain are able to make pre-emptive purchases.

It is stated that from a total of 50,000 tons of the 1941 rubber crop, Japan has already secured approximately 30,000 tons compared with normal pre-war purchases of under 5,000 tons.

From roughly 18,000 tons of tin ore which is Thailand's yearly output, British, Australian and to a lesser extent the United States-controlled concerns seem to be assured of about 13,000 tons which is destined for smelting in Malaya, the remainder going to Japan.

### Petain's Hint

VICHY, July 23 (Reuter).—"We shall remain, perhaps have to defend our colonies," said Marshal Petain, addressing students at Aix-en-Provence Military Academy to-day.

"If any new adventures should ever be undertaken, I hope that we shall face them with the same energy and vigour as was shown in Syria."

"We are obliged to protect our colonies and the whole of our Colonial Empire on which our neighbours have their eyes. We must be able to defend it. We must be ready for all eventualities."

### Japanese Cabinet

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—The Japanese Privy Council met to-day at the Imperial Palace, and it is announced that an extraordinary session will be held before the end of the week.

"The official announcement" says that the special session will discuss various questions confronting the nation.

## Britain-U.S. To Counter Japanese

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mountainous country is considered to be impossible.

On the other hand, the Chinese have made military expeditions in impossible terrain before now.

### Chiefly Naval Action

Japanese action, if and when it begins, is expected to be chiefly naval, after which troops might be landed at Saigon and in the areas around Camranh.

Close observers believe that Japan has chosen this moment in a manner which suggests Axis timing, thinking that President Roosevelt is likely to do little while he is trying to get the Selective Extension Bill through Congress.

### In Own Interests

It is believed here that Japan is acting in her own interests rather than the Nazis' who may benefit incidentally. It is also suggested that Japan rightly or wrongly feels that action against Indo-China is the maximum aggressiveness which can be undertaken without rousing America and Britain to take up arms against her, and if it is successful, to isolate her within better striking distance of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies should a promising opportunity occur to attack those places later.

It seems certain, however, that the United States will take some action. A high State Department official in a private conversation is reported to have said recently that America was "prepared" if Japan moved aggressively against Indo-China, and Mr. Sumner Welles is seeing the Japanese Ambassador to-night and is believed likely to tell him that the result of Japanese aggression in Indo-China elsewhere will be a further strain on American-Japanese relations.

### Even More Serious

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—"The international situation, is even more serious than the general public understands and it is rapidly becoming more serious," stated Mr. Andrew J. May, Chairman of the House of Representatives Military Commission, after leaving an executive session of the committee to-day.

### Knox Expects Action

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—"There is no 'question' but that the recent developments in the Far East, including Japanese censorship, meant new military developments in that area," said Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, at a press conference to-day.

"I look for movement out there—very soon," said Colonel Knox, but he declined to discuss the possible direction of the move.

"No one can tell at this point whether it will go north or south," he said.

In reply to a question, Colonel Knox said that the United States Pacific Fleet was in position to do whatever was necessary to carry out American policy in the Far East.

### Indications of Unrest

VICHY, July 23 (Reuter).—There are signs of growing tension in the Far East reported in a Shanghai dispatch to the official Vichy news agency.

This says that the suspension of visas for Japan was learned of to-day. Foreigners who recently arrived at Nagasaki to spend a holiday in Japan were not allowed to go to a certain summer resort on the coast.

All Japanese shipping companies announced this morning that because of the present situation they would stop indicating the movements of their ships.

Another announcement stated that travellers from Tokyo to Dairen could only take small suitcases with them. The reason was to save space and make it possible to cope with a "considerable increase in the number of travellers going to Manchukuo."

### Vichy Talks Continue

VICHY, July 23 (Reuter).—The Franco-Japanese talks are the subject of a semi-official announcement made here to-night, but it contains no reference to the Japanese Indo-China ultimatum.

It says "conversations begun in two recent visits paid to Admiral Darlan by the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Sokomatsu Kato, are continuing by an intermediary of the Japanese diplomatic representation at Vichy."

"At the same time, Admiral De-coux, Governor-General of Indo-China, has several times received Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese mission. These interchanges of views are taking place within the framework of the agreements concluded a year ago between France and Japan."

The Press of unoccupied France has so far remained silent on the question.

## JAPANESE FLEET ON THE MOVE

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Japanese invasion of southern Indo-China, the spokesman said that China would take all the necessary measures for her self-defence.

### Mobilisation

SHANGHAI, July 23 (Reuter).—The Japanese are carrying out military mobilisation on a scale never seen before, according to reports reaching Shanghai. A thousand conscripts previously classified as unfit for active service, have been mobilised, it is stated, while many who had been discharged after service in China have again been called up.

Members of the Japanese community in Shanghai have also been called up and are leaving for Japan. Reports received in Chungking say that three classes of reservists have already been mobilised in Japan, while motor vehicles are being requisitioned.

According to one report, Japan will move against French Indo-China on Friday.

### Smolensk In Hands Of Soviets

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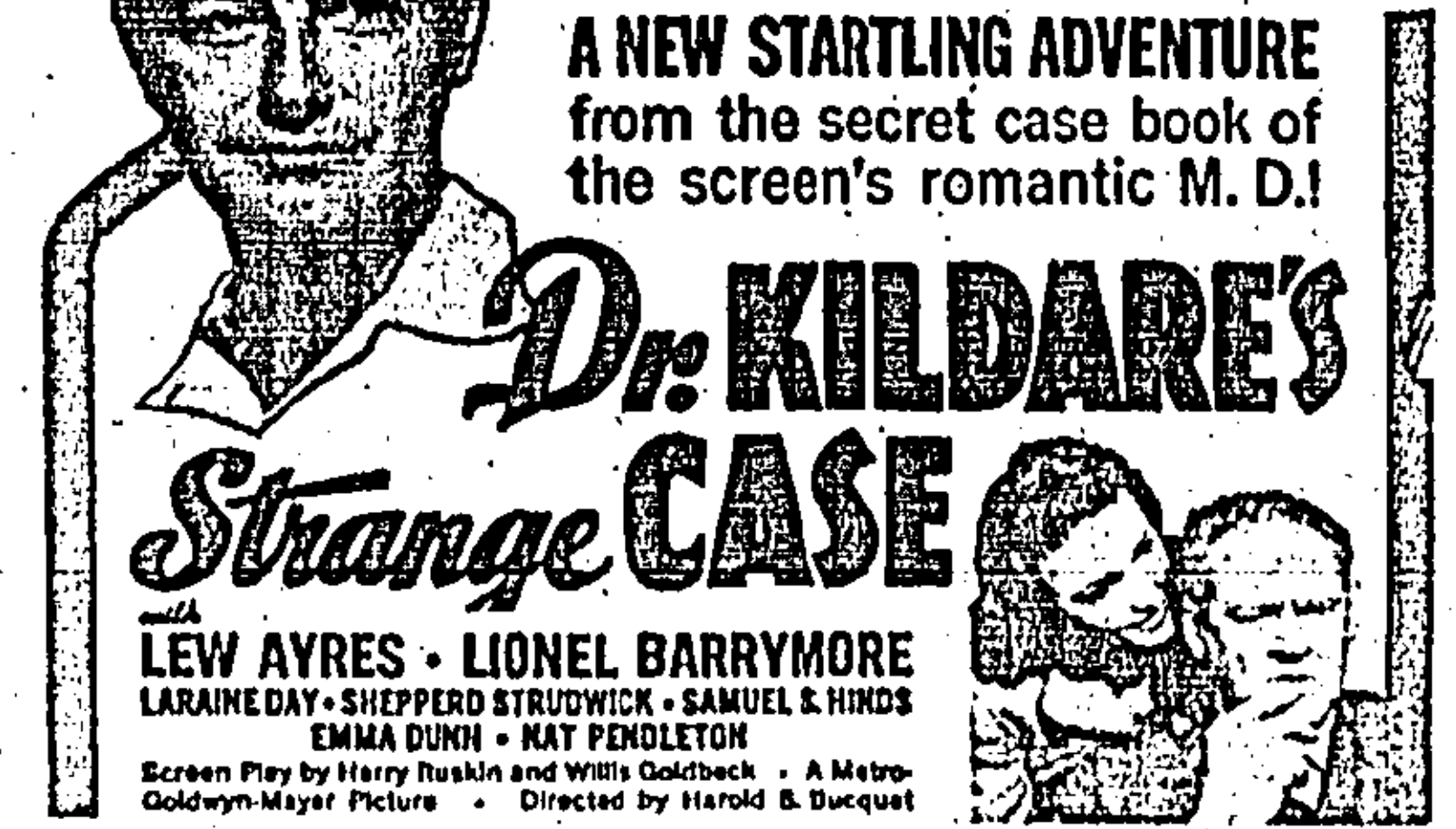
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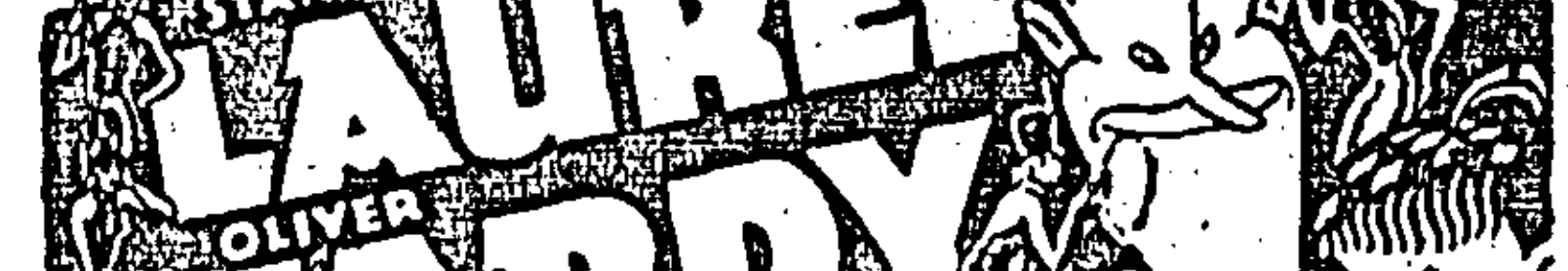
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## VICHY CONCEDES NEW BASES AND AIRFIELDS TO JAPAN For Purpose of "Defending" Indo-China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, JULY 23 (UP).—THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REVEALED TO-DAY THAT FRANCE HAD AGREED TO THE "TEMPORARY OCCUPATION" BY JAPAN OF STRATEGIC BASES AND AIRFIELDS IN INDO-CHINA.

HE SAID THAT THE DETAILS OF JAPAN'S ROLE "IN THE DEFENCE OF INDO-CHINA ARE BEING WORKED OUT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE IN VICHY AND HANOI."

HE INSISTED THAT THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION WAS ONLY A TEMPORARY MEASURE UNDERTAKEN TO "PROTECT" INDO-CHINA OWING TO ALLEGED DANGERS OF ATTACK BY THE BRITISH, FREE FRENCH AND CHINESE.

## Berlin Admits Advance On Leningrad Slowed Down

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, July 23 (UP).—Informed German sources admit that the Nazi advance on Leningrad has now been slowed down as a result of the Russians hurling huge numbers of men into the battle where the Germans were attempting to break through between the Luga River and Lake Ilmen.

On this front, according to these Berlin sources, German forces are at present trying to work their way around the east side of Lake Ilmen, apparently in order to take Leningrad's defences from the south. Storm boats at present are said to be operating on Lake Ilmen itself though operations are limited by Soviet artillery which still dominates the northern and eastern bank of the lake.

Informed German quarters claim that a large force of Russian troops are at present engaged in an iron ring between Lake Ilmen and Lake Peipus, and they are gradually being broken up by the Germans in smaller pockets.

It is stated that the German troops have not yet reached the main Leningrad defences, which, it is believed in Berlin, will be one of the hardest nuts the Germans have yet had to crack.

**Soviets Sink Convoy**  
MOSCOW, July 23 (Telegraph).—Ten enemy ships, it is now learned, were TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## Japanese In S. Africa Take Fright

JOHANNESBURG, July 23 (Reuters).—All Japanese private residents except three in South Africa are to be evacuated this week to Japan. Consular and diplomatic staffs will remain, but their families are returning home.

The ship, *Manila Maru*, is being held at Capetown to take the evacuees aboard. This vessel and the *Belgium Maru* at Durban will be the last Japanese vessels to visit South Africa for some time, as the General Representative of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha stated to-day. He had been advising that Japanese shipping services with South Africa had been temporarily suspended.

All Japanese businesses in South Africa are already shut down, or will be by the end of this week.

## Muscovites Fight Raid Fires Effectively

(By "Reuters" Special Correspondent)

MOSCOW, July 23.—The second aerial attack lacked novelty and thrill for Moscow inhabitants although it came at the height of the great city's night life. Earlier in the evening, there was a short alarm, without the appearance of enemy bombers, and while sirens were still wailing—the second alert, anti-aircraft guns opened fire, continuing until dawn.

Russian fire-fighting methods are effective, judging from the small number of fires despite the great German effort. The Soviet procedure is not always orthodox; many Russians received burns by recklessly grasping incendiaries with their bare hands.

Already the Russians seem hardened to bombing. Even the women

## Anglo-U. S. Counter To Japanese Move

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuters).—The Japanese Embassy, announcing the receipt of an unconfirmed report that Japan and Vichy have reached an agreement again in Indo-China declined to give the origin of the report.

A Japanese demand probably concerning Camranh Bay was expected here by a number of observers but the demand covering the occupation of the whole country came as a surprise.

Discussion of the possible demands has already taken place among the officials and legislative leaders in anticipation of Japanese action.

**Anglo-U.S. Measures**  
Unconfirmed reports suggest that joint Anglo-American economic measures are already planned against any Japanese aggressive move.

The three moves considered likely among well-informed commentators are the stoppage of United States gold purchases; the freezing of Japanese assets and complete embargo on essential exports to Japan.

Already it has been reported that Japanese gold shipments are so much above normal that it is likely that Japan has been acting as an intermediary to purchase dollars for the Nazis with German gold.

**Chinese Position**  
The possibility of China assisting Indo-China if she resists is felt to TURN to Back Page, Column 4

## JAPANESE FLEET ON THE MOVE

CHUNGKING, July 23 (Reuters).—While Japan has been presenting demands for air and naval bases in southern Indo-China, Japanese warships and troop transports have been moving south, according to a statement by the Chief of Intelligence Department of the Chinese Army at a Press conference to-day.

He stated that seven Japanese warships, three aircraft carriers and 55 destroyers were sighted off Kiushu in southern Japan yesterday steaming south.

Thirty transports escorted by three warships had also been seen steaming south from Canton.

**Naval And Air Base**  
Japanese demands to Vichy include the "use of Camranh Bay as a naval base, the use of Saigon as an air base and the garrisoning of troops in southern Indo-China" according to a Chinese spokesman who said that he was quoting from a cable from Vichy dated last Monday.

He added that at present the Vichy Government were refusing the Japanese demands.

Questioned about what action China would take in the event of a TURN to Back Page, Column 5

The spokesman added that France sees no inconvenience in Japan temporarily occupying military bases in Indo-China on condition that such an occupation does not menace Indo-China's integrity and French sovereignty. Japan had made no territorial demands, but merely wants to protect Indo-China.

He said that there was a concentration of Chinese troops in Yunnan and aviation in Burma and Malaya, leading Japan and France to fear an Anglo-Chinese attempt to occupy Indo-China.

Meanwhile, Marshal Petain, in a speech to-day said that France might be "obliged to defend her colonies desired by our neighbours." He declared that colonies other than Syria were menaced and that France would "fight with the same vigour as in Syria and so save the honour of France."

**Pointed Questions**

American correspondents asked the Vichy spokesman what had become of France's pledge to defend her empire without foreign aid, and he replied, "the events in Syria obliged us to make an exception in that connection."

The correspondents then asked why the United States, rather than Japan, had not been invited to "defend" Indo-China, and he replied, "We asked the United States a year ago what aid she would give us in Indo-China, but we got nothing from Washington."

The spokesman said that Japan in "defending" Indo-China was acting "completely independent of the Axis tri-Power Pact," and he insisted that there had been no Japanese ultimatum TURN to Back Page, Column 5

## Another \$5,000 From Bellows

**Bomber Fund Reaches The \$2,400,000 Mark**

As a result of the sixth donation of \$5,000 to the Bomber Fund from the Fellowship of the Bellows, the giant thermometer at the Morning Post Building rose to the \$2,400,000 mark this morning.

It is interesting to note that members of the "Fellowship" now number 2,750, made up of 1,110 Whiffs and 1,640 Puffs. Although there are only a few members who have not paid anything for April and May, quite a number have not yet blown in for June (\$4.70). It is hoped that all members will accept their responsibility and "blow-in" as soon as possible, for by so doing, they greatly assist those who are voluntarily working for the Fellowship. Since April, \$30,000 has been raised, and every member should remember that by paying promptly, and, if so disposed, adding a little extra to the prescribed monthly blow-in, he or she is hastening the day when the Hongkong Bomber Squadron will set out for Germany.

## Convoy And Escort Destroy Attacker

LONDON, July 23 (Reuters).—A German bomber, believed to be a Heinkel III, was shot down on Tuesday night by combined anti-aircraft fire from a British convoy and escort vessels, says the Admiralty.

The bomber attempted to attack the convoy but was promptly and effectively engaged. Soon it was seen to crash into the sea.

No damage was suffered by the ships of the convoy.

## Smolensk In Hands Of Soviets False Nazi Claims

(By "Reuters" Special Correspondent in Russia)

MOSCOW, July 23.—Smolensk, the key city on the Russian central front, is and always has been in Russian hands. I learn on good authority despite the German propaganda claims, later supported by the German High Command, that Smolensk was captured last Wednesday.

It is true that German advance units reached the outskirts of Smolensk some days ago, but they were driven away. Soviet communiques rightly continue to speak of "fighting in the direction of Smolensk."

Now the impression is gaining ground among competent observers that the second big German offensive, directed mainly against Smolensk, is exhausting itself owing to the formidable Russian resistance, by supply difficulties intensified by the great distances to be covered, and the frequent effective interference by Soviet guerrilla units.

**Roads Blocked**

In addition, the Russians have set up many obstacles on the various but not numerous Smolensk-Moscow roads. While such obstacles somewhat hamper the Soviets' own present communications with the front, they may be regarded as one reason why the Germans are beginning to realise that a frontal attack on Moscow is a hopeless task and why they are endeavouring to explain to TURN to Back Page, Column 5

## 3,000 Chinese Special Constables Wanted

Chinese residents of Hongkong are invited to join the Chinese Special Constabulary, the formation of which was announced yesterday by the Commissioner of Police, the Hon. Mr J. P. Pennefather-Evans.

Mr Lo Tung-fun, the barrister, is being appointed Assistant Superintendent of Police in charge of this body, while Mr Luke Oi-wan, of the New Zealand Insurance Co., Ltd., Bank of East Asia Building, is chief recruiting officer.

The object of this auxiliary force will be to assist the regular Police in maintaining law and order in case of emergency, and especially in preventing panic, looting and rioting and keeping order at food and firewood distribution centres.

**Conditions of Service**  
The Chinese Special Constabulary will be under the control of the Commissioner of Police, and the following conditions will apply: TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## Threat To South Pacific

Japan is reported to have issued an ultimatum to Vichy demanding occupation of the whole of Indo-China, which would include air and naval bases in Camranh Bay. This map illustrates what this would mean. (1) Japanese already in occupation in the north of Indo-China, (2) Thailand might well become threatened, (3) Saigon would become a Japanese port, (4) probable Japanese aim would be to isolate Singapore.



## Mr Eden's Categorical Statement

## No British Designs On Indo-China, Thai

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON July 23 (UP).—Mr. Anthony Eden, in a written reply to Mr Robert Morgan in the House of Commons to-day concerning the situation in the South Pacific said, "I welcome the opportunity to state that the alleged designs of Britain against both Indo-China and Thailand are entirely non-existent."

He emphasised that the Government was aware of the persistent reports that Japan intends to take action to obtain naval and air bases in southern Indo-China, and said that Britain's relations with Indo-China were very strict since the collapse of France, with limited trading.

"Regarding Thailand," continued Mr Eden, "our policy is governed by a treaty of non-aggression with that country. The treaty is not designed to obtain exclusive advantages and is not directed against any third party except insofar as such third party may attempt to interfere with those excellent neighbourly relations, political, economic and otherwise which always have existed between Britain and Thailand."

**Japan's New Move**  
LONDON, July 23 (UP).—Financial circles here report that Japan has launched a new economic offensive in Thailand doing their utmost to TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## Canterbury On Communists

Clear Issue Before Us

LONDON, July 23 (Reuters).—"We must wish every success to the valiant Russian armies and people in their struggle and be ready to give them every possible assistance," writes the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Canterbury Diocesan gazette.

It may seem strange to combine an alliance with Bolshevik Russia with the claim that we are contending for Christian civilisation, says the Primate, but such misgivings are really misplaced for the first essential of the struggle is to overthrow the evil embodied in the rulers of Germany; a Nazi victory would destroy any tolerable form of government and the Soviets are contending for the principles of national freedom and independence.

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Thanks to the success of the recent Swimming Gala organised by the European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section, with members of the A.N.S. competing with the Nanking Detachment of the I.I.C.V.D.C., the Bomber Fund has been increased by \$1,072.50. Another substantial donation of \$500 was received yesterday from the Police Recreation Club, representing the result of "Gingies Lamp Race."

With yesterday's donations, as follows, the total of the Bomber Fund is now \$2,597.00.

Police Recreation Club (Gingies Lamp Race) \$500  
Mr. Charles H. Wong \$20  
Mr. F. G. H. Laidlaw \$150  
A.N.S. versus I.I.C.V.D.C. \$1,072.50  
Detachment Swimming Gala \$1,072.50

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL.**  
The S. C. M. Post has received the following donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul:  
—In memory of the late Mrs. G. H. Coates, F. B. de Silva, \$2.  
—In memory of the late Mrs. M. M. Barton, Dr. E. L. de Souza, \$1.

**DONATIONS WAITING.**  
Donations for the following organisations await collection at the office of the S. C. M. Post: Associação Portuguesa de Socorro (Lisboa); Lord May's Fund; Emergency Refugee Council; B.P.C.A.; Food Kitchen Fund; New Territories Relief Association; St. Vincent de Paul.

The Hongkong Telegraph Eleventh Annual Amateur Photographic Competition June—September, 1941.  
Two Silver Trophies Awarded by I.L.F.O.D. LTD.  
For the best and second-best entries.

Three Silver Trophies Awarded by EASTMAN KODAK CO.  
First Prizes in each of the three Sections.

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**SECTION THREE**  
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1st KODAK SILVER TROPHY  
2nd \$50. 3rd \$30. 4th \$10

**RULES**  
The following rules will govern the Competition:  
1.—The Competition is open to all photographers.  
2.—The entries awarded the 1st and 2nd Trophies for the best and second-best pictures in the Competition will not be entitled to any other prizes.  
3.—The prizes will be awarded to the competitors sending in what are adjudged to be the best photographs in each Section. Each entry must be accompanied by a form which will be published during the period of the Competition and which must be pasted on back of entry.  
4.—The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.  
5.—All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.  
6.—No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.  
7.—All entries must be either black, sepia, or toned pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.  
8.—Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.  
9.—No picture to be entered in more than one Section.  
10.—Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 16x20.  
11.—No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.  
12.—Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.  
13.—The decision of the Judges shall be final.  
14.—At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph office within seven days.  
15.—The use of aliases is strictly forbidden.

### ENTRY FORM

NAME .....  
SECTION .....  
ADDRESS .....  
Please use block letters and paste one of these forms on back of each entry.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE OF CALLS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors have made a Call of \$1.00 per share upon all the members holding shares of the 1941 Issue allotted on 3rd July, 1941, upon which only \$1.00 per share has been paid, and that such Call will be payable on the 30th day of September, 1941.

NOTICE is hereby also given that the Directors have made a further Call of \$2.00 per share upon all the members holding shares of the 1941 Issue whether allotted on 24th January or 3rd July, 1941, and that such further Call will be payable on the 6th day of January, 1942.

The above mentioned Calls will be payable to the Bankers of the Company, the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**JOHN V. BRAGA,**  
Acting Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 23rd July, 1941.

### APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRES IN FREE CHINA

At the request of Madam H. H. Kung and with the support of His Excellency the Governor and under the auspices of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in South China, an appeal is made for funds for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Orthopaedic Centres for disabled soldiers and civilians in China.

Cheques and donations may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. K. Lo, British Relief Fund for Distress in South China, Alexandra Building, marked Orthopaedic Appeal or to the British Relief Fund for Distress in South China, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank marked Orthopaedic Appeal.

#### NOTICE

**DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940**  
The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:  
South China Morning Post  
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16 cents per copy  
British Empire and Foreign  
25 cents per copy  
The Hongkong Telegraph  
China and Macao  
10 cents per copy  
British and Foreign  
20 cents per copy  
25 cents Saturdays.

### Wills Millions For Treasury \$2,815,283 Windfall

Mr. Walter Melville Wills, a member of the tobacco family, and one of the directors of the Imperial Tobacco Co., who died in January, left \$2,815,283 "so far as can at present be ascertained."

The duty paid was \$2,815,283. Mr. Wills left numerous legacies to relatives, friends, and to his employees at Bracken Hill, Bristol, the Abbots Leigh and Failand estates, Somerset, and his property in Scotland.

He left his house, Bracken Hill, to his daughter Mrs. Douglas, his Abbots Leigh and Failand estates in Somerset to his son, Capt. Douglas Wills, and his property in Scotland equally between his three surviving children.

He provided that his daughter should be at liberty to continue the Home for Ladies in Reduced Circumstances at Clifton, if she thought fit, and provided a capital sum for the endowment of it in that event.

In 30 years, members of the Wills family have left almost £40,000,000. Out of 11 fortunes of over £1,000,000 each, since 1000, the Treasury has had many windfalls. Sir George A. Wills left £10,000,000, of which £4,000,000 went to the Exchequer.

### Public Schools & State Aid Control Problem

A strong conflict of views on the future of public schools occurred after the reading of a paper to a meeting in London of the Royal Society of Arts by Canon Spencer Leeson, headmaster of Winchester.

Canon Leeson said that the schools' difficulties must be faced now, since to wait till the end of the war might be to leave the question too long. He deplored the idea that the schools should be forced by commercial laws into competition with one another.

He suggested the foundation by the State of scholarships for the public elementary schools to the public boarding schools.

Lord Quickswood, Provost of Eton, expressing profound disagreement with Canon Leeson, was emphatic that no definite decision should be taken until after the war.

"Do not let us deceive ourselves," he said, "that an institution can have State aid without control being vested in the State. I would rather do nothing and sacrifice all the public schools that are in pecuniary difficulties than embrace the idea of State aid and State control."



**PIPER LEAD WAY.**—Stirring music by pipers led way of Transvaal regiment into Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, after it was occupied by British Imperial forces. Once more flag of Lion of Judah waves where Italian Viceroy capitulated.

## G.O.C. Of Britain's Fireman

Mr. William Mabane, 45-year-old Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, is to be Britain's G.O.C. Fireman.

From the Home Office, in Whitehall, he will direct the activities of the scores of thousands of firemen who are dealing with fires all over England, Scotland and Wales, and will be able to concentrate his forces as needed.

The Government has decided to reorganise the fire-fighting services on a national basis, taking all firemen into the service of the State, and making them subject to direct Government orders, instead of those of their local authority employers.

**Flying Squads**  
The result will be that if town X is badly fire-blitzed, it will be possible to send reinforcements of firemen from towns Y and Z, nearby, or even from places much further off.

There will be flying squads, armed with all the latest fire-fighting appliances, who will be dashed off to places from which an S.O.S. is sent. Full-time firemen will be liable to be transferred, permanently or temporarily, from one place to another according to requirements. Part-time A.P.S. workers may be moved about in their own localities, but will not be sent far from their homes.

In Parliament Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, said that in new legislation to operate big regional schemes the powers of the normal local authorities would vanish.

## University In Strip Tease

ONE thousand Harvard undergraduates reversed procedure when they disobeyed before Sally Rand, America's queen of strip teasers.

Miss Rand appeared at their annual smoker in Boston. She had promised to do a fan dance, but did not keep her promise, and students started chanting: "Take them off. Take them off."

"If will, if you will," cried Sally. Instantly coats, socks, shoes and trousers rained about her, but she didn't as much as unzip a zipper.

Miss Rand spent the rest of the night being waited about by half-clad Harvard men.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued yesterday is:

**Buyers**  
H.K. Govt: 4% Loan 97.50  
H.K. Govt: 3½% Loan (1034) 94  
H.K. Govt: 3½% Loan (1040) 94  
Bank of East Asia 74.50  
Canton Ins: \$225  
Union Ins: \$400  
H.K. Fire Ins: \$185  
Wharves \$90  
Providents \$5.00  
Lands \$35  
Chinese Estates \$101  
Trams \$17.25  
Lights "O" \$0  
Electricity "N" \$4.25  
Electricity "O" X Rts \$22  
Electricity "N" \$21  
Electricity Rts \$11  
Cements \$14.75

**Sellers**  
Hotels \$3.00  
Lands \$35.75  
Trams \$17.40  
Lights "O" \$0.10  
Electricity Rts \$11.20  
Cements \$15.25

**Sales**  
Providents \$5.90  
Humphreys \$7  
Electricity Rts \$11.15  
Watsons \$10.75

## London Soccer Clubs Form League

LONDON, July 23 (Reuters).—London football clubs which have been unable to accept the League fixture list which necessitates long distance travelling, have formed the London War Football League. The Association will be asked to sanction the formation of this new league in which 11 London clubs and five nearby clubs will be members, making a programme of 80 matches.

## Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	450
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	62 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	48 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	105 1/2
T.T. France	105 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	105 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s Franco	—
30 d/s India	—
U.S. Cross rate in London	402 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	—

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks \$	1,415 n.
H.K. Banks £	80 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	84 n.
Chartered Bank £	91 1/2 n.
Mercantile A. & B.	23 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. £	11 n.
East Asia \$	74 1/2 b.
INSURANCES	
Canton \$	225 b.
Union Ins. \$	400 b.
China Underwriters \$	1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$	185 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas \$	120 n.
Steamships \$	84 1/2 n.
Indo-China P. \$	90 n.
Indo-China D. \$	70 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$	40/10 1/2 n.
Waterboats \$	655 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves \$	90 b.
Docks \$	80 n.
Providents \$	5.00 n.
Shal Dockyards \$	30 1/2 n.
MINING	
Kailan \$	13/6 n.
Rauas \$	8 n.
H.K. Mines	2 cts n.
LANDS	
Hotels \$	3 1/2 s.
Lands \$	55.00 s.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 n.
Shal Lands Sh. \$	20 n.
Humphreys \$	7 s.
H.K. Realities \$	3.30 n.
Chinese Estates \$	101 b.
UTILITIES	
Trams \$	17.40 s.
Peak Trams (old) \$	7 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$	3 1/2 n.
Star Feries \$	53 1/2 n.
Y. Feries \$	22 n.
China Lights (old) \$	0.10 n.
China Lights (new) \$	1 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric (old) x ris	22.10 b.
H.K. Electric (new) \$	21 b.
H.K. Electric Rts \$	11.15 s.
Macao Electric \$	10.10 n.
Sandakan Lights \$	12 1/2 n.
Telephones (old) \$	23 n.
Telephones (new) \$	0.95 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Mncr. (Ord.) Sh.	30 n.
Cald. Mncr. (Pref.) Sh.	25 n.
Canton Ice \$	1 n.
Cements \$	15 s.
H.K. Ropes \$	0 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms \$	10 1/2 n.
Wapoon \$	10 1/2 n.
Lano Crawford \$	0.45 n.
Sinceres \$	2 1/2 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. x.d.	1 1/2 b.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. \$	41 1/2 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. \$	305 n.
MISB.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	97 1/2 b.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	94 b.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	94 b.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.Bds.	42 n.
Entertainments \$	0 1/4 n.
Constructions (old) \$	1.00 n.
Constructions (new) \$	80 cts n.
Vibro Piling \$	7.20 n.
Marmans Inv. (Lon.) \$	0 1/2 n.
Marmans Inv. (H.K.) \$	2 1/2 n.

## Toll Of The Road

Four Fatalities Reported During Past Week

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories, during the week ended on Saturday, there were altogether 130 traffic accidents as the result of which four persons were killed and 35 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, two Chinese females, aged 64 and 48, and a Chinese male, aged 14, were knocked down and killed by a motor-cycle, a military truck and a bus, respectively, while crossing the carriage-way, and a bus passenger died from injuries received while alighting from a moving bus.

Of the persons injured, 24 were pedestrians who were struck by vehicles while crossing the carriage-way, two bicycle riders were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles, two lorry passengers were injured when the goods on the lorry fell upon them, a bus passenger and a bicycle passenger were injured by falling off a moving bus and a moving bicycle respectively, three bus passengers were injured while alighting from moving buses and two bus passengers were injured while attempting to board moving buses.

Of the 130 accidents, 47 were collisions between vehicles, 55 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians and 28 accidents were due to other causes.

## Evacuation Order For Half Of Plymouth

AFTER strong representations by the local authorities, half of Plymouth, the most-bombed city outside London, has been declared an evacuation area.

The evacuation decision means that the Government takes over the housing of the 10,000 children in the worst-hit districts.

Mr. H. E. Wright, a Labour councillor, who has been in charge of a rest centre throughout the raids on Plymouth, said:

"We have had too much of this delaying. An institution for aged and infirm and mental defectives had to be bombed six times before evacuation was decided on."

## Moustaches To Tickle Vanity

Moustaches are spreading in Britain with the rapidity of a prickly pear plague.

The shortage of razor blades and a threat of reduction in shaving soap are partly responsible, but the fashion has certainly been stimulated by the fact that a huge number of Home Guards feel that they present a more soldierly appearance if they wear one.

Navy men are expressly forbidden to wear a moustache, but Army officers and men are encouraged to, if the moustaches grow respectably.

The R.A.F. lays down that a moustache should not extend beyond the corners of the mouth, but it is a rule noticeable for its breach.

The "Daily Mail" columnist, Charles Graves, says that women are also responsible for the ever-increasing moustaches because escorts look manlier.

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Tobruk. Sortie

CAIRO, July 23 (Reuters).—Another patrol raid was made at Tobruk last night when British troops penetrated to a considerable depth, but no serious clash with the enemy occurred.

A few casualties were inflicted.

## Not Medicinal Only

Licence Needed for Sale Of Chinese Soups

The view that certain Chinese soups were food and not merely medicine was held by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy, yesterday, when the cases against two women for keeping unlicensed eating-houses were concluded and the Defendants cautioned.

Defendants were Ng Hui-chun, of No. 1 Cross Street, Wanchai, and Chan Yuet-ho of No. 20 Spring Garden Lane, Wanchai. They were said to have sold Kut Choi, Fuk Ling and Kwai Ling soups to customers on their respective premises on June 23.

Defendants, who were represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, stated that the soups were a kind of laxative and cure for headaches. They were not food and were not available at ordinary eating-houses.

Cross-examined by Inspector Wong of the Health Department, who prosecuted, Ng Hui-chun, denied that sugar cane, bean curd fish, etc., were used in the preparations.

Mr. Pun Si-hin, herbalist at the Tung Wah Hospital and Chairman of the Chinese Herbalists Association, testified that all fluid medicines were referred to as soups, which meant soup. The soups in question were used in the treatment of fever, headaches, skin diseases and Kwai Ling soup in the case of certain social diseases.

Witness added that bean curd, sugar cane, etc., were sometimes added to these soups to make them more effective and to minimise the smell, which was otherwise very obnoxious.

Kwan Yee, an eating-house fold, stated that he often took these soups for curative purposes, especially Fuk Ling soup for scabies. They were not sold at the eating-house where he worked.

Mr. Sheldon said that the only question was whether ingredients such as dates, bean curd, sugar cane, etc., were food or drugs, and he interpreted the Ordinance as referring to these as food and held that Defendants would have to obtain eating-house licences for their establishments although they had been carrying on this business for some years without any licence.

Inspector Wong said that in all probability they would be granted licences by the Urban Council.

## BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND

Help Bombed Civilians in Britain

Old clothes of all descriptions are badly needed for Men, Women and Children in the Bombed Areas in Britain. Such gifts will be received by the B. W. O. F., c/o Government House, during office hours, Mondays to Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., allowing for Lunch Interval and Saturdays from 9.30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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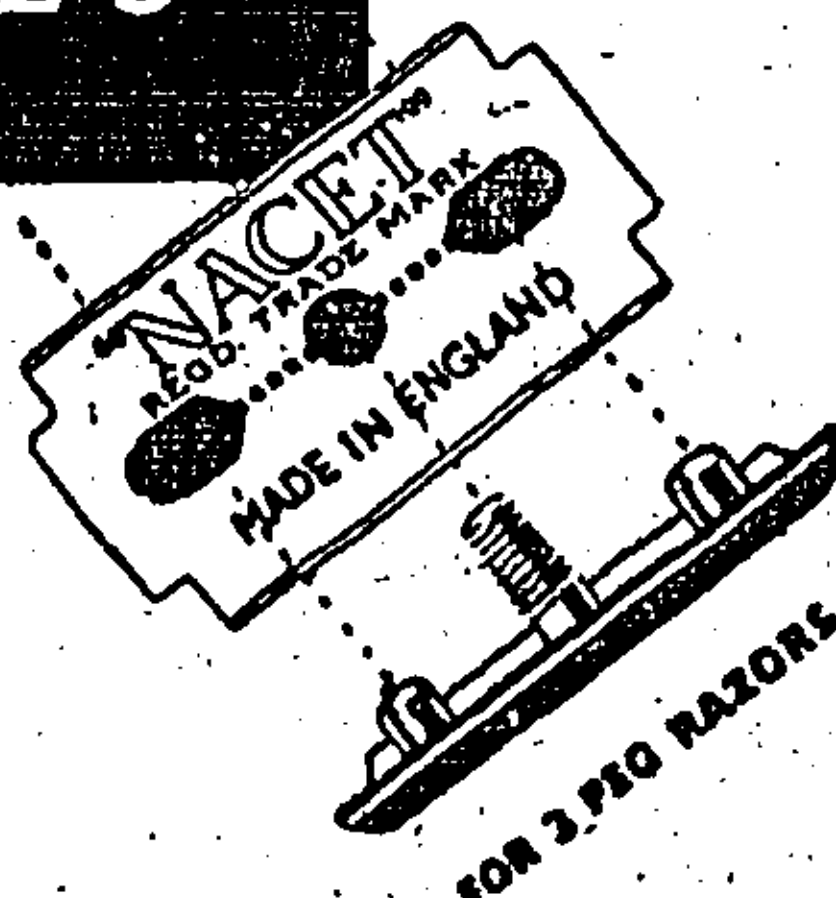
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If I Only Had Wings. S.F.T.  
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Ave Maria. P. Rossborough. Piano.  
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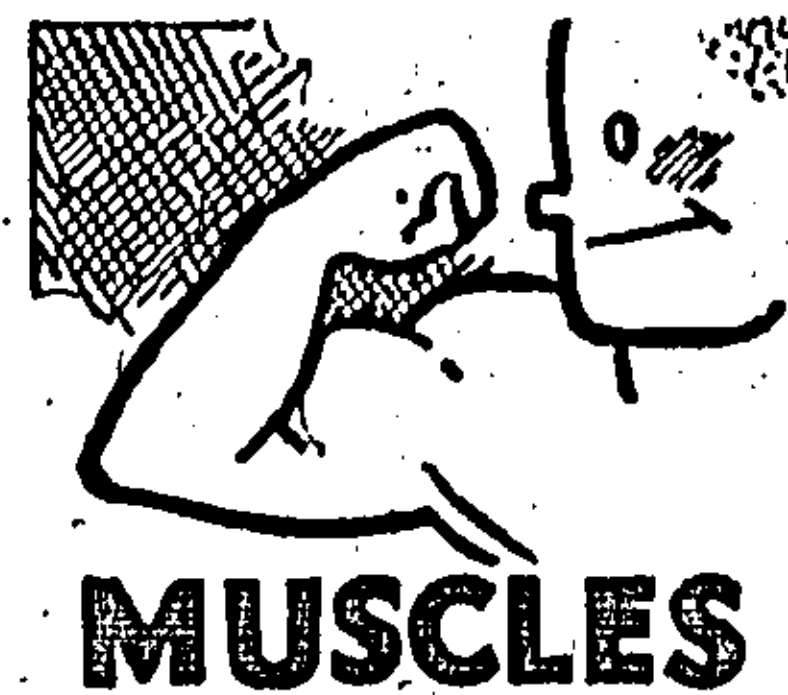
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#### THE BLACK-OUT

WAR, being what it is to-day, makes black-outs a necessary part of defence, and black-out exercises the inescapable responsibility of both the authorities and the public. That being conceded, it is still questionable whether these exercises should be made into endurance tests; debatable too whether the sunset to sunrise black-outs accomplish the purpose of making the public more efficient in observing the regulations. The point gains greater emphasis when the all-night tests are held in midsummer and therefore under intolerable atmospheric conditions, such as on Monday and Tuesday.

The Director of A.R.P., in granting the concession of cancelling the exercise after the second night, held himself to be a hard taskmaster and not completely satisfied with results. Albeit, few will contest the claim that the public, as a whole, responded nobly to the demands which called for greater fortification both physical and mental than any of the preceding black-outs. After this has been said, it still remains to be demonstrated what precisely of value to the authorities was gained by the continuation of the black-out after midnight. On Monday night the actual "raid" lasted from 10 o'clock to 10.30; on Tuesday from 10.15 to 10.25. That gave the organisers with their various units of fire-fighters, rescue squads, decontamination squads, First Aid and so forth, a full hour and a half to carry out their experiments, and the inconvenience (a word used by the Director of A.R.P., but not exactly fully expressing the conditions under which the Colony was suffering) to the public could have reasonably been brought to an end. As it was, half of the Colony spent two sleepless and wholly uncomfortable nights. For many of those who faithfully carried out the requirements of darkening their rooms, it meant also the blacking-out of fresh air. Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins could have obtained all the results he needed up to midnight, and then by lifting the black-out, have given the sweltering populace a few hours of relief. At the best of times a black-out does nothing to aid morale; under Monday's and Tuesday's conditions the Colony's morale became practically non-existent. It is bad policy to whip a willing horse; it breeds resentment

# They want all we can sell them

HOW effectively Britannia rules the waves is well demonstrated by the experience of the official Trade Mission which, under my leadership, has just completed a tour of South America.

Travelling in British merchant ships, without escort or convoy—except for the company of a similar vessel on the outward voyage and of a couple of ex-American destroyers on the last two days before reaching Liverpool—we covered more than 20,000 miles, proceeding by an indirect route to Buenos Aires and returning from Valparaiso through the Panama Canal.

In all those vast stretches of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans we saw no sign of enemy submarine, aeroplane, or surface-raider, nor, so far as I know, were ever menaced by mine, torpedo, or gun.

Such German and Italian ships as sighted were craft that for many months have been lying in South American ports, fearing capture by the Royal Navy if they ventured to put to sea.

One German warship did indeed come within our view. She was the wreck of the Graf Spee, scuttled in the River Plate. As a souvenir of the British victory which brought her to that ignominious end, I was given a switchboard from her fire-control station, which I had the honour of presenting to his Majesty the King.

Under arduous conditions of travel, and amid the trying heat of the South American summer, I can very truly say that all the members of my Mission worked tremendously hard, and we hope that what we have done will produce useful results.

#### WHEN FRANCE FELL

THE Latin-American nations are ardently devoted to the ideals of independence and political freedom. The moral support given by this country to their struggle for liberation at the beginning of the nineteenth century is not forgotten by them. They realise that to-day we are fighting in defence of South American liberties as well as of our own.

Everywhere we found the most sincere desire to show friendship and sympathy for Britain. It was evident that the fall of France had been expected to bring about the defeat of Britain. The relief and admiration produced by this country's steady determination to fight on were increased, during our stay in South America, by the splendid exploits of the Greek Army, and by General Wavell's triumphant advance in Africa.

If I were to refer to special incidents that impressed me on my tour, I should recall the dinner at Lima, to which 400 Peruvian sympathisers with Britain had more about the British war effort. They follow our fortunes with anxious interest. The arrival of our party of mainly middle-aged and elderly Englishmen, who had left London six weeks after the beginning of the war, invited the members of my Mission. Every speech delivered on this occasion conveyed the

and a consequent loss of confidence. The necessity of black-out exercises in summer time is not denied, but let them be effected without subjecting the Colony to futile discomforts. If the requirements of a black-out exercise cannot be met by the public in the space of three hours, the solution is not to extend the regulations into the sweltering hours which precede the dawn; this serves no purpose. The answer is either (a) have more exercises, but of shorter duration, or (b) penalise those areas which fail to conform to the regulations by giving them extra black-outs.

## by the Marquis of WILLINGDON

P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.B.E.

former Governor-General of Canada, Viceroy of India, who headed the official British Trade Mission to South America. Now, on his return, he tells of his experiences, of the attitude of the Latin-American nations to Britain and the war.

most ardent wishes for British scribbling generously to the victory.

During our visit to that country they gave us a pair of gold cuff-links, the women of Peru publicly links and a gold brooch, each presented to Lady Willingdon made in the form of a Spitfire, three lorry-loads of woollen garb to bring home to Mr and Mrs Cross. My wife cabled an expression of their admiration for the nomenclature of this gift to her Prime Minister.

#### LONG AIR TRIP

I HAVE had long experience of official missions in all parts of the world, but never of one so arduous and yet so congenial as this. We travelled by air from Buenos Aires to Santiago across the mighty Andes, from one seaboard of the continent to the other. We had the trying experience of cruising about in dense cloud at a height of 14,000ft. in the attempt, unsuccessful on the first occasion, to reach Quito, the capital of Ecuador.

#### LET THEM KNOW

IN every country there was a great desire to get hold of first-hand information from responsible Englishmen as to what the real position was throughout the Empire, and the Italian propaganda. There had been a great deal of extremely active German and Italian propaganda. South Americans had seen some of the rather lurid pictures of the effects of the "blitzkrieg."

I feel that still greater energy must be shown by all our national institutions concerned. The Embassies and Legations in South America, the Ministry of Information, and the British Council—to satisfy the demand of that continent for fuller information about the achievements and resources of the British Empire.

The spirit of the British residents in South America is excellent. There was great eagerness among the younger members of these communities to come home and fight for their country. We brought back from Valparaiso not only British and French recruits, but South American volunteers as well.

The citizens of the various countries we visited are doing a many years, and towards the great debt to support our cause, increasing economic intercourse. The British colonies there are helping in every way, and sub-

## Britain's Strangest G.H.Q.

By  
Walton Adamson-Cole

I am at a British G.H.Q. where at this moment a relentless offensive against the enemy is being directed; but no daily communique records the progress of this campaign.

Around me are not field-marshals and generals but economists, business men and shipping experts who control Britain's fourth arm—shipping and blockade.

An atmosphere of confidence prevails. The Battle of Britain's ocean supply lines is raging and graphs tell its progress, but anxiety over torpedoed tonnage is allayed by conviction that we shall master the submarine menace and implement Mr Churchill's forecast that the Battle of the Atlantic may be won in a few months.

Ships—big, small, motor or oil burning—seem to be the very breath of these men's lives. Perhaps it is because they know that their stewardship of these ships is the insurance on the existence of the lives of free Britons for, without ships, Hitler's blockade triumphs.

#### Telling Reports

Into this vast operation control headquarters flow reports telling of the progress of the battle of shipping and blockade.

Who better than a man who, since the day war broke out has been sifting this information and taking swift action on the data acquired from it could tell the story of the campaign?

Here it is as he spoke to me at his desk littered with coded cablegrams and charts:

"We are getting supplies through. The enemy is being repulsed at a considerable but not perturbing cost. To get a true perspective of the battle assess the progress of this battle by taking our losses in one week, say at 60,000 tons, and put them against the weekly loss of vital raw material and supplies of 400,000 tons that the enemy suffers through blockade. The successes are not all his.

"No one appreciates more than Hitler that the cargoes sunk by his U-boats or surface raiders are insignificant against the tonnage that gets through. With the gathering momentum of help from the Americas still more will arrive despite his threats.

"Our blockade has now put the 'screw' on the Nazis in a supply sense. By their food blockade propaganda and devices to embroil us with the French fleet they confess the blockade is bludgeoning their plans. Cleverly they blame the blockade for the world's suffering in a bid to beat it. France and the Low Countries are told they go hungry because of the blockade.

#### Evil Bait

"South America is assured that she is not selling her goods purely because of it. But South America is alive to the dangers of Nazi economic infiltration and penetration and still remembers those German promises to fulfil orders last October after the victory over us.

"These stories of blockade evils are a bait to distract the attention of the world from the Nazi efforts to organise Europe as an arsenal.

"The Nazis ransacked countries indiscriminately because they thought the war would soon be over. Now they are finding great difficulty in organising things. It is not the food that is worrying them but shortage—and in some cases complete absence—of vital raw materials.

"They are worried and their every act illustrates their dire need to get in touch with the world.

"We have access to all the markets—the cotton, oil and rubber they want.

The world is being provided with example, not only by how the Nazis ignore the rules of international trade—and defy the neighbourliness and understanding which makes world trade possible—to exploit other people for the sake of their war machine and gratification of lust for possession."

## Movable Towns For Workers

Munition workers whose factories are in districts where local accommodation is over-taxed, will be housed in movable hut towns which can be built in a few weeks.

Plans for setting up these mass-produced towns are complete, and one will be ready in a few weeks.

Designed and planned by Mr Howard Robertson, the towns are constructed in sectionalised units. The huts are complete in a factory, then dismantled and the various parts taken to the site.

Electricity and water will be laid on. Cinemas, restaurants and recreation rooms are included in the town planning.

Where new munition factories are being built, the workers' homes will be erected at the same time.

#### GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"This is the time of the year when Ed takes out the straw hat he packed away so neatly and carefully last autumn and decides to buy a new one!"



# SOVIETS CONTINUE TO STALL FOUR BIG NAZI OFFENSIVES

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, July 23 (UP).—THE THIRTY-THIRD DAY OF BATTLE ALONG THE LONGEST BATTLEFRONT EVER KNOWN FOUND GERMANY'S TERRIFIC MASS OFFENSIVE APPARENTLY SLOWLY PUSHING THE SOVIET TROOPS BACK; HOWEVER, HITLER'S IMMENSE MILITARY ORGANISATION SO FAR HAS NOT SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING THE RUSSIAN RESISTANCE.

MOSCOW REPORTED THAT FOUR GERMAN DRIVES ARE PROCEEDING AGAINST THE SOVIET DEFENCES WITH UNABATED VIGOUR, ONE OF WHICH IS APPARENTLY AN ATTEMPT TO ENCIRCLE LENINGRAD.

The fortnight-long battle of Smolensk continues to rage, but apparently there is no material change in the front line positions.

A Moscow communique mentioned a strong Finn-German attack in the Petrogrodsk area, east of Lake Ladoga, while south of this around Prokov the Germans have launched a smashing attack towards Leningrad, thus endeavouring to pin the city between the encircling columns.

The Germans have made no specific claims to territorial gains, but Moscow has admitted that the Russians along the Kiev front have moved back to the Zhitomir area, 80 miles west of the Ukrainian capital and have retired to about 75 miles from Novograd-Volynsk.

## 37 Nazi Planes Down

MOSCOW, July 23 (UP).—A total of 37 German planes were brought down in the two air raids made on Moscow within 24 hours.

A communique states that the German thrust continues unabated on four fronts including in the newly mentioned Petrogrodsk area north of Lake Ladoga.

The second German army continues to hammer away in the Prokov area apparently aiming at enveloping Leningrad from the south. After a fortnight the battle of Smolensk proceeded without change.

The central Ukrainian front was marked by fierce fighting at Zhitomir, southwest of Novograd-Volynsk.

## Smolensk Not Taken

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" special correspondent learns reliably that Smolensk has always been and still is in Russian hands.

## Salla Sector

STOCKHOLM, July 23 (Reuter).—The German-Finnish advance from Salla is now proceeding rapidly, having passed boggy land, according to the "Aften Bladet" correspondent at Helsinki.

The advance is evidently directed at Kandalaks with the object of cutting the Russians off from Murmansk.

It is believed that the attacking forces are now within 45 miles of Kandalaks.

## HAPPENINGS IN GERMANY

### Hess Mentor Held

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—The continued house arrest of the "geo-political" theorist, Dr Haushofer, who was arrested at the time of the Hess flight, is reported by a "Reuter" correspondent "somewhere in Europe."

The same source reports that the belief is held in many German circles that the Army is likely to take over control of Germany from the Nazi Party this autumn if by then big successes against Russia are not achieved.



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## HONGKONG SCHOLARS' SUCCESS

News has been received in Hongkong that Gloria June Moss & Evelyn Grace Morrison have passed the Cambridge School Certificate Examination.

The candidates were pupils of the Central British School of which both were Prefects and, owing to the evacuation, their entries were transferred to the Melbourne University, Australia.

Another achievement is that of Marion Hill, who was recently awarded a special Singing Scholarship at Bedford High School for 12 months; in addition, the Board of Governors granted her a second scholarship in the form of Free Tuition during the remainder of her time at the School. Marion was Head Girl Prefect at the Central British School leaving Certificate Examination at the age of 14 years 3 months with such a high standard that she was granted exemption from the London Matriculation examination.

## Anti U-Boat Successes

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—Sir Victor Warrender, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, refused to be drawn into details when questioned in the House of Commons to-day on U-boat losses.

"While I regret that I am unable to give details of recent activities against U-boats, I can state that the results lately achieved have been encouraging," he said.

## Anglo-Chinese Development Company

LONDON, July 22 (Central News).—Following the announcement of the establishment of an Anglo-Chinese Development Company, at the China Campaign Committee luncheon to-day, the Board of Directors of the Company held a meeting at which the following decisions were taken:

The solicitors' report concerning the Company's documents was approved; the London Agency of the Bank of China and the Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd., nominated the Company's bankers; Capital shares to be fully subscribed; the capital to be increased in view of subscription coming in; a general shareholders' meeting to be held in August or September; A panel of consulting experts to be established, consisting of professional technicians and executives in several major engineering and chemical industries.

### Purchasing Machines

A sum of £15,000 being already raised, more subscriptions to be canvassed; to purchase immediately two sets of hand-woven fabric machines for the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives and to secure from the Government export licences in order that orders could be shipped to China by the manufacturers; Ways and means to be discussed to carry out the Finance Minister's suggestions to establish a £100,000 revolving credit for purchases of C. I. C. requirements. Although public enthusiasm and help is keen, it is realised that wartime conditions render rather difficult the problem of raising large sums. The interest to be fixed at 4% which is reasonably low.

Finally, a scheme to be prepared for a nation-wide appeal in order to secure greater support and aid from Britain. More intensive publicity is being planned.

## Eden And Maisky In Conference

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, accompanied by Lieut-General Gollitsky (who has just returned from Moscow) and Admiral Khramov, had a talk with the British Foreign Minister, Mr Anthony Eden, this afternoon.

### Military Mission

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—Mr. Meilov and Colonel Dragun, two members of the Russian Military Mission, returned to London to-night after a visit to Moscow to report to the Soviet Government.

## Britain's 5th Column Under Key

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—When a resolution was moved in the House of Commons to-day for continuing the Defence Act emergency powers in operation for a further year, Captain O. Peake, Under-Secretary of the Home Office, revealed that in all 1,779 people had been detained under the famous regulation 18 B.

Captain Peake intimated that this number had fallen to-day to 702. Of this number, 202 persons were detained as members of an organisation which was subject to foreign influence or control. Some were British subjects only by accident of birth and there were also others belonging to a sort of international underworld which floated from one capital to another without any strong national loyalty.

## Blenheims Sink Ship

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—Blenheim bombers were out this morning and afternoon searching for enemy shipping off the coast of France and the Low Countries, states the Air Ministry.

During these operations, one coastal vessel was sunk and another was damaged.

Other Blenheims, escorted by a strong force of fighters, bombed objectives near Saint Omer early in the afternoon.

British fighters encountered a number of enemy fighters and destroyed five of them.

British losses in all these operations were five bombers and five fighters, but the pilot of one fighter is safe.

## Girl's Attempt To Wed At 15

BECAUSE her daughter, 15, was so much in love that it was feared she would run away from home, a Liverpool mother signed a form giving her consent to the girl's marriage.

The girl appeared at Liverpool Juvenile Court on a drink charge. Mr E. H. Sidgreaves, prosecuting, said the girl went to a Liverpool register office with a 20-year-old girl friend and a young Dutch seaman.

The girl asked for a special licence to marry her Dutch lover. She said she was 16, but the assistant registrar made inquiries and told the girl that she could not marry as she was under 16.

### Ruse Fails

Her girl friend then began to cry, and declared that the marriage would have to take place as the Dutchman was the father of the 15-year-old girl's expected child. It was found that this story was an invention. The marriage did not take place. "I am astounded," said Mr J. Worral, presiding magistrate, "that a girl of 15 could invent such a story to arrange her marriage." The girl was sent to an approved school.

## Ships For Britain Coming Off Slips

NEW YORK, July 23, (Reuter).—The first of 30 ten-thousand ton cargo ships, being built for Britain at the Todd shipyards in California is expected to be launched on August 15, four months to the day after the keel was laid.

Three more hulls are now on the slipways. Thirty similar vessels are being built at the Todd yards at Portland, Maine.

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## HITLER'S LABOUR SHORTAGE

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—The invasion of Russia has greatly increased Germany's labour difficulties, according to a statement from the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London, to-night.

Since the beginning of the year, the Nazis have been faced by a growing shortage of workers, and industrial workers from all over the continent are being sucked into the vacuum created by the intensive call-up in Germany.

A considerable new call-up for the Army began in January and continued until March. Even the more specialised workers from the armament factories were mobilised, and only a few key men of military age remain in agriculture which has been left mainly to old men, women and children, foreign labourers and prisoners of war.

There are about 300,000 in the building industries and these, it is stated, are mainly engaged in repairing what the R.A.F. knocks down because foreign workers are always placed in the most dangerous spots.

## FATE OF GREECE Burden Of Axis Maintenance

ZURICH, July 23 (Reuter).—The fate of Greece is forming the chief subject of Italian-Bulgarian conversations which are taking place in Rome, according to the Rome correspondent of the "Tribune de Geneve."

The correspondent says: "Italy, which is finding the occupation of Greece a pure burden owing to war devastation and economic disorganisation, is obliged to husband her own resources in view of the expectation of a very hard winter."

"Italy is therefore proposing that Bulgaria should share the task of keeping Greece alive and reconstructing the country."

## AMERICAN WOMEN TRIBUTE MADAME CHIANG

CHUNGKING, July 23 (Central News).—A message of tribute to Madame Chiang Kai-shek for her leadership of Chinese women in the war of resistance during the past four years has been received here from leading women members of the United China Relief Committee in America on behalf of American women.

The message was addressed on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the Sino-Chinese war on July 7. Prominent among the signatories are Pearl Buck, noted American authoress, Mrs Henry Luce, wife of the publisher and editor of "Time," "Fortune" and "Life," and Mrs Wendell Willkie.

## INVITATION TO VISIT BRITAIN

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—An invitation has been sent by telegram to United States Congressmen and Senators to send a representative body to England as guests of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the British Council to obtain first-hand impressions of British life in all its aspects under present conditions.

The telegram, signed by Sir Malcolm Robertson, Chairman of the British Council, and Colonel Arthur Evans, Chairman of the British Group, suggests that the deputation might travel either by some of the bombers coming to this country or by sea.

## Duke Of Kent To Visit Canada

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—The Dominions Office officially announced this evening that with the King's approval, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent will shortly be proceeding to Canada for a brief visit. The Duke is greatly interested in the Commonwealth Air Training Plan and is desirous of seeing for himself some of the air training establishments where pilots and air crews are being trained.

The proposal has been warmly welcomed by the Canadian Government and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

### Announcement

OTTAWA, July 23 (Reuter).—H. R.H. the Duke of Kent will shortly be leaving for Canada. It is announced by Mr Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister.

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"How old are you, my boy?"

"Fourteen and seven months, Sir."

"And how long have you been in the hotel business?"

"Six months and two weeks, Sir."

"And are you going to stick to it?"

"Oh yes, Sir. I want to go into reception, then have a year in New York, and another in London."

"And then come back and manage a hotel?"

"Oh no, Sir. A chain of hotels."

"I see. Well, my lad, if you want to succeed in life, just take a hint from me. When a guest asks for a Gimlet make sure that he gets what he asks for. Rose's Lime Juice is the pure juice of the lime. This ersatz concoction is nothing of the sort."

"I'm terribly sorry, Sir. Owing to some oversight on the part of the management..."

"Boy, remember George Washington. Now get me some Rose's Lime Juice, and don't come back till you've got it. And here's a florin for your trouble."



# "WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

## Craigengower Virtual League Champions



KOWLOON B.G.C. "A" v. INDIANS. Close game at Austin Road. W. L. Walker (bowling) with A. Hyde-Lay, A. K. Suffad, J. W. Deacon, M. B. Hassan, U. A. Rumjahn, J. McKelvie, J. Hoosen and R. P. Phillips (preparing to bowl).—Ming Yuen.

### Pairs Champions Somewhat Fortunate To Have Won

#### U.A. and A.H. Rumjahn Defeated

WHATEVER the tactical errors, the Open Pairs match at the Civil Service C.C. last night in which the champions, H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, beat U. A. and A. H. Rumjahn 28-27 was one of the most exciting of the tournament to date.

Man for man, the Indians were better than the Recreio pair, and from several viewpoints should have won. U.A. Rumjahn played one of the finest games of his career and except for the last two heads, when the greatness of the occasion seemed to affect him, was consistently around the jack.

As is always the case in bowls matches, the errors are credited to the skips, for theirs are the last words to be sent down, and on this occasion there is no gainsaying that had A. H. Rumjahn shown a little more understanding a different tale would have been told.

The I.R.C. skip was consistently good, though. He played well within the task he set himself, but spectators' opinions were that his tactics were at fault.

#### Near Defeat

THE CHAMPIONS had never been nearer to defeat. Even on the 20th end, when the Rumjahns were leading 27-25, and on which end the Recreio men drew to level scores, a different tale would probably have been told had Rumjahn (A.H.) laid heavy with his first woods to open the head instead of trying to draw to a hidden jack and leaving his drive to the last.

U. A. Rumjahn was ever round the jack, and though Alves on a number of occasions made slight alterations to the lie, the task of consolidation was the skips'. And of the two, A. H. was the more consistent.

The Rumjahns scored two 5s and two 4s which were not surprising in view of their accuracy. But on several heads when early heavy woods would have possibly sprung the jack into a more favourable position, A. H. Rumjahn drew though having two or three well-placed back woods.

#### Critical Head

This, incidentally, was the tale of the 20th head. Alves had drawn three, while U. A. Rumjahn had laid three woods at the back. Spread, as these latter woods were, A. H. had

### "Red" Burman Loses on Points

New York, July 22. Mello Bettina, former world lightweight champion, today cut-out-pointed Clarence Burman, protégé of Jack Dempsey, over 10 rounds. A house of 10,000 saw Bettina score a comfortable victory.—Reuter.

### Civil Servants Beat Lane, Crawford

Civil Service yesterday beat Lane, Crawford in a friendly match, 61-44. W. Colledge, J. Hempsey, M. Purvis, E. W. Simmonds beat E. F. S. Baker, J. Locke, W. Colley, H. W. Randall 26-17. McLeod, W. Gardiner, J. Gellatley, H. E. Strang, beat H. J. Pratt, T. Edgar, G. Tanner, E. C. Fincher 24-12. P. Crawley, J. Carr, S. Ecclesham, W. J. Burling beat H. Donner, F. Hall, S. Carr, A. B. Hanson 51-15.

a most excellent chance of taking the shot had his woods been on the heavy side.

It was a critical position, and with his last wood Rumjahn did try a heavier bowl but was not quite heavy enough and though he saved one, he left a count of two to the opposition. With the scores dead-locked at 27-27, the last head opened in tense atmosphere. U. A. Rumjahn was again wide, while Alves was around the jack. This time, however, with his first, A. H. Rumjahn did spring the jack to the left, leaving the position more open but completely blocking the forehead.

Ribeiro drew for the shot with a beautiful third, and with his last, Rumjahn had the bad luck of seeing his desperate draw finish half an inch or so short of Ribeiro's. Another half a roll might have won the match!

Scores were:  
Alves & Ribeiro 0 3 2 0 2 0 0 0 20  
U.A. & A.H. Rumjahn 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 27  
0 0 0 0 0 2 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 27

#### League Tennis

### C.R.C. "A" Beaten By Recreio In "C" Division

OUTSTANDING VICTORY of the "C" Division tennis matches yesterday was that of the Club de Recreio over the Chinese Recreation Club "A" by 6-4. F. J. Remedios and J. C. Fonseca were the most successful pair for the winners in that they took two sets and lost the third by 7-5 only.

Chinese R.C. "B", however, inflicted a 2-0 defeat on the Indians, while second heaviest beating of the day was that of Kowloon Tong by Craigengower.

In the third match, Army defeated the University 7-2.

Scores were:

C.R.C. "A" 4, Recreio 5

C.R.C. A lost to Recreio, 4-5. C. Wei and H. Chung lost to F. J. Remedios and J. C. Fonseca 1-6; beat H. A. Noronha and F. A. Yang 6-1; beat H. A. Marques and A. J. Noronha 6-0.

H. N. Chau and P. H. Chu beat Remedios and Fonseca 7-5; lost to Noronha and Yvanovich 3-6; lost to Marques and Noronha 4-6.

S. Y. Tong and C. K. Li lost to Remedios and Fonseca 0-6; beat Noronha and Yvanovich 7-5; lost to Marques and Noronha 3-6.

Army 7, University 2

Army defeated University, 7-2.

Murray and Meeson beat K. Y. Tam and P. H. Hoot 6-3; beat P. Lin and H. Lo 6-2; lost to S. L. Yung and C. K. Cheah 4-6.

Gibbs and Denyer beat Tam and Hoot, 6-2; lost to Lin and Lo 4-6; beat Yung and Cheah 7-5.

Duffield and Emberton beat Tam and Hoot 6-2; beat Lin and Lo 6-1; beat Yung and Cheah 6-4.

C.C.C. 8, K. Tong 1

Craigengower beat Kowloon Tong, 8-1.

W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo beat L. Chen and A. H. Hoot 6-1; lost to S. Ho and D. Chen 3-6; beat D. Kwok and E. Penn 6-3.

H. K. Lee and J. W. Leonard beat Chen and Hoot 6-0; beat Hui and Chen 6-2; beat Kwok and Penn 6-2.

P. C. Yu and M. C. Hung beat Chen and Hoot 6-2; beat Hui and Chen 6-3; beat Kwok and Penn 6-1.

I.R.C. 6, C.R.C. "B" 9

Indians lost to C.R.C. B 9-6.

A. Hahn and J. Kitchell lost to F. K. Lau and P. F. Wong 0-6; lost to Y. Y. Lam and W. Lou 2-6.

M. P. Mader and A. R. H. Small lost to Lau and Wong 1-6; lost to Chu and Hoot 2-6; lost to Lam and Lou 1-6.

M. Hassan and M. A. Wahab lost to Lau and Wong 3-6; lost to Chu and Hoot 0-6; lost to Lam and Lou 2-6.

American Tournament

New York, July 23.

The American tennis champion, Don McNeill, was among the second round winners at the Seabright (New Jersey) tournament today. Bobby Riggs, former American and Wimbledon champion, and Frank Parker, Davis Cup player, also survived.

Defeated players included Frank Shields who lost 5-7, 3-6 to William Crosby and Gene Make, who lost 2-6, 3-6 to Seymour Greenberg.—Reuter.

### B. W. Bradbury's Return Makes All The Difference

#### Recreio's Fourth Defeat.

THERE SEEMS HARDLY ANY doubt now that Craigengower C.C. will annex the First Division League championship which they last won in 1936. Following the defeat of Recreio "A" last week by the Police and their own clean-sweep success over Kowloon C.C., the Happy Valley men are in an almost unassailable position.

And if Craigengower do win the championship, they will have fully deserved it. For look at their record to date. After losing the opening match of the season to Recreio "A" at King's Park by four points to one—by only one shot on aggregate—they have won 39 points out of the next possible 40! A great performance indeed.

The return of B. W. Bradbury to the team has made all the difference in the world to the side. In nine matches, Bradbury, who has had the same rink all through, has lost only one—the opening game.

U. M. Omar, with three front men of the calibre of A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar and H. Basa, has not yet lost a match in the League, while Craigengower's third skip, G. S. Rossetti, has lost only twice, both times while playing away.

With three such well-balanced rinks, it is not surprising, therefore, that the Valley men have carried all before them.

In their match last week against K.C.C. Rossetti scored the biggest win. His opponent, E. C. Fincher, was not getting nearly as good support and consequently had a bad time of it throughout the match. Fincher conceded 33 shots, but had he failed more often than he did, the total against him would have been a great deal higher.

THE Police themselves will be the first to admit that the Recreio "A" team which went down to them at Happy Valley was only a skeleton side. Volunteer duties robbed the champions of the services of nearly half their regular men, and the result was a bad beating by four points to one.

Nevertheless, the winners are to be congratulated on making the most of their opportunity. J. C. S. Fender, for instance, scored a particularly fine victory over Carlos Silva, who filled the vacancy of the third skip. Helped by consistent drawing by his front men, Fender won by 31-8—the biggest defeat Silva has sustained in the last ten years.

"Spuggy" Silva registered a lone point for the champions at the expense of Wally Mair, but Raoul Luz was only one shot to the bad against the redoubtable J. Shepherd.

AN interesting game was played at Austin Road, where Kowloon B.G.C. "A" defeated the Indians by six shots and by four points to one. Actually the match was very close throughout.

At ten-time, A. K. Minu was four up on A. J. Hall; M. R. Abbas was five up on Adam Holland; and A. R. Dallah was eight down to Bob Duncan, giving the Indians a one-shot advantage.

After the interval, the same keen struggle was maintained with the leaders never separated by more than two or three shots.

When Abbas had finished his match against Holland, Dallah was four down to Duncan and Minu was five down. Though the Indians were one to the bad, Minu had still a head to play and Dallah two.

However, the Indians lost all these three heads; Minu conceded a single and Dallah lost a three and a single, giving the Bowling Green a six-shot win.

"Joek" McKelvie played a great game as No. 3 to Duncan, who was himself scored on the last six heads to win by six shots after being down 10-13. He was given all the support he wanted by H. White at No. 2 while Percy Peckham, playing his first game for the "A" at No. 3, was quite consistent.

RATHER surprisingly, the biggest win of the day was scored by Kowloon Docks at Austin Road over Kowloon B.G.C. "B". Apropos of this, I have a confession to make.

On Saturday morning, I was asked by the man who drew Ticket No. 192 in the sweep—which won the first prize on Kowloon Docks—what I thought of the chances of the ticket winning one of the three big prizes. "Not a hope," I said.

Was my face red when I heard that the ticket had carried off the first prize? I'll say it was!

It was a good bit of work, though, on the part of the Docks to win by 40 shots. They were up on all rinks and their five points have put them on level terms with their opponents of last week with 13½ points each at the bottom of the League Table.

DOWN on two rinks, Recreio "B" took the lion's share of the points against Civil Service C.C., thanks to the splendid victory of C. A. Lopes, skipping



G. H. Smith, Winner of Happy Valley Junior Championship.

### Scottish F.A. Announces £3732 Deficit

#### Splendid War Effort

A DEFICIT of £3,732 on the capital account is shown in the report of the Scottish Football Association for 1940-1941, submitted at the annual general meeting in Glasgow on May 7.

The membership of the Association consisted of 90 clubs and 10 Associations in full or associate membership as against 95 clubs and 10 associations in the previous year.

IN connection with the Association's activities on behalf of war funds the report states that the football Red Cross day (May 11, 1940) realised the magnificent sum of £11,163, while from the Services equipment fund 624 jerseys, 80 pairs of boots, and 240 balls were supplied to units of H.M. Forces.

Representative games with Army eleven during the season realised almost £3,000 for various war funds, apart from £1,700 which was raised at the recent match between the Rangers F.C. and the Royal Air Force F.A. at Ibrox recently.

a rink for the first time, over Jack Deakin by 32-9.

C. C. Pereira was seven down to M. N. Rakusen and Eddie Souza was 15 down to J. F. McGowan, but C. A. Lopes, with his 23-shot win, gave his side victory by the narrowest possible margin.

ONLY two matches were played in the Second Division. The two leading sides, Kowloon Tong and Kowloon F.C., were not engaged, but Prison Officers' Club, who still had an outside chance, slipped up against Hongkong C.C. despite advantage of home ground. Up on two rinks, they lost on aggregate as the result of J. McCutcheon's 11-27 defeat by G. E. Costello.

KOWLOON B.G.C. and Indian R.C. both won their matches in the Third Division and retain their places at the head of the League Table.

Both teams won by the same margin—4-1, but whereas the Indians were playing at home to Craigengower C.C., the Bowling Green men were away, to Kowloon F.C. The latter must be considered the better performance.

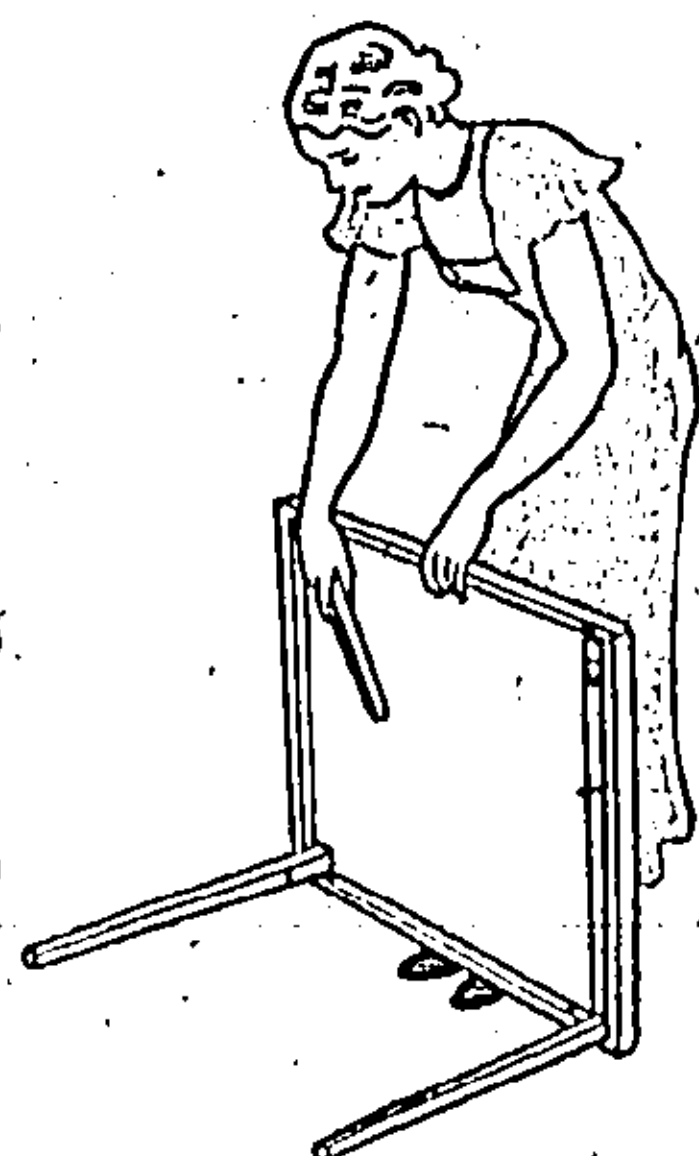
VOLUNTEER and A.R.P. duties have interfered with the Open Pairs matches to a certain extent, but the majority of the postponed games, I understand, have been re-arranged for this week.

THE third round matches in the Open Rinks Championship will be decided on Sunday, weather permitting. There ought to be some good bowls to be seen.

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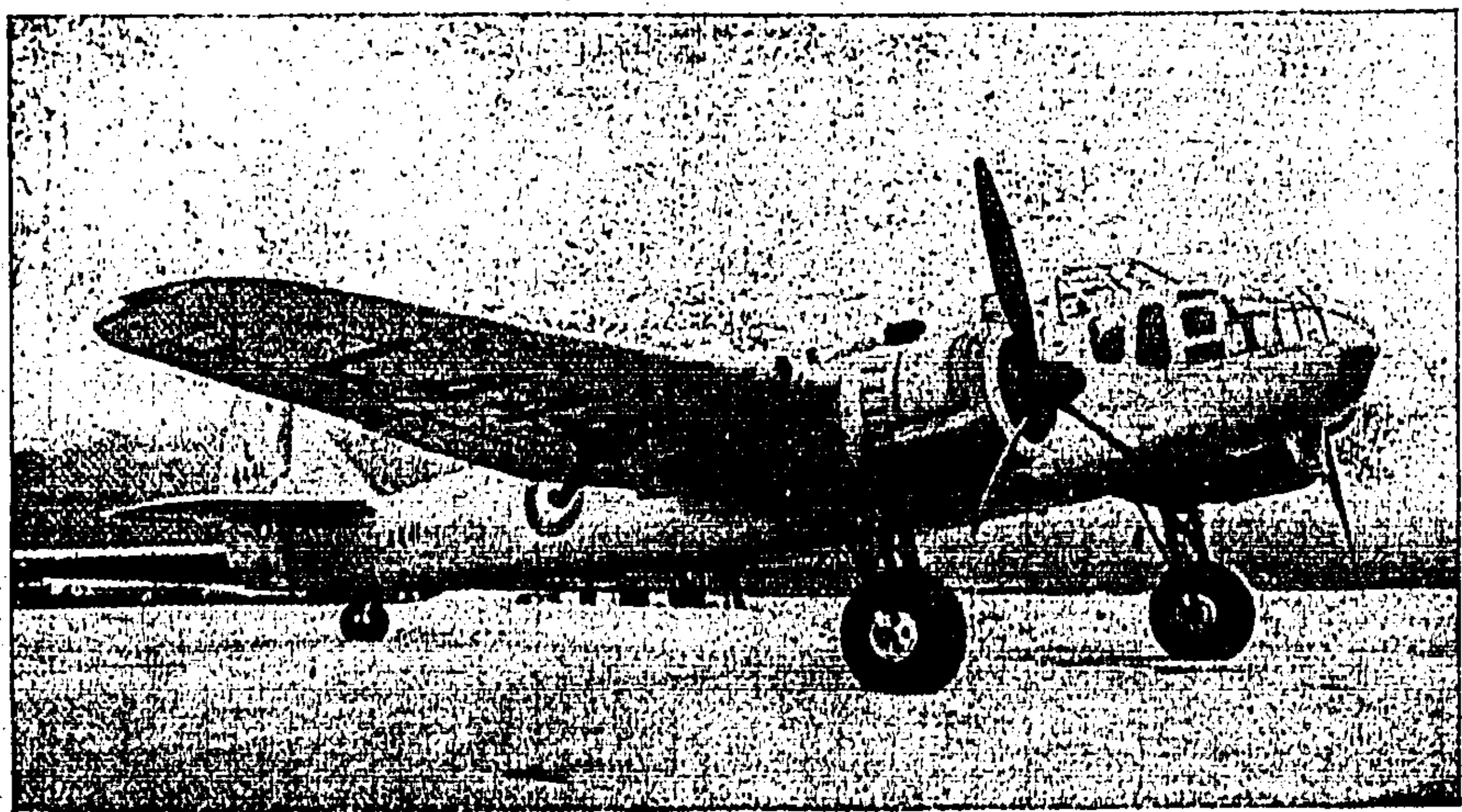
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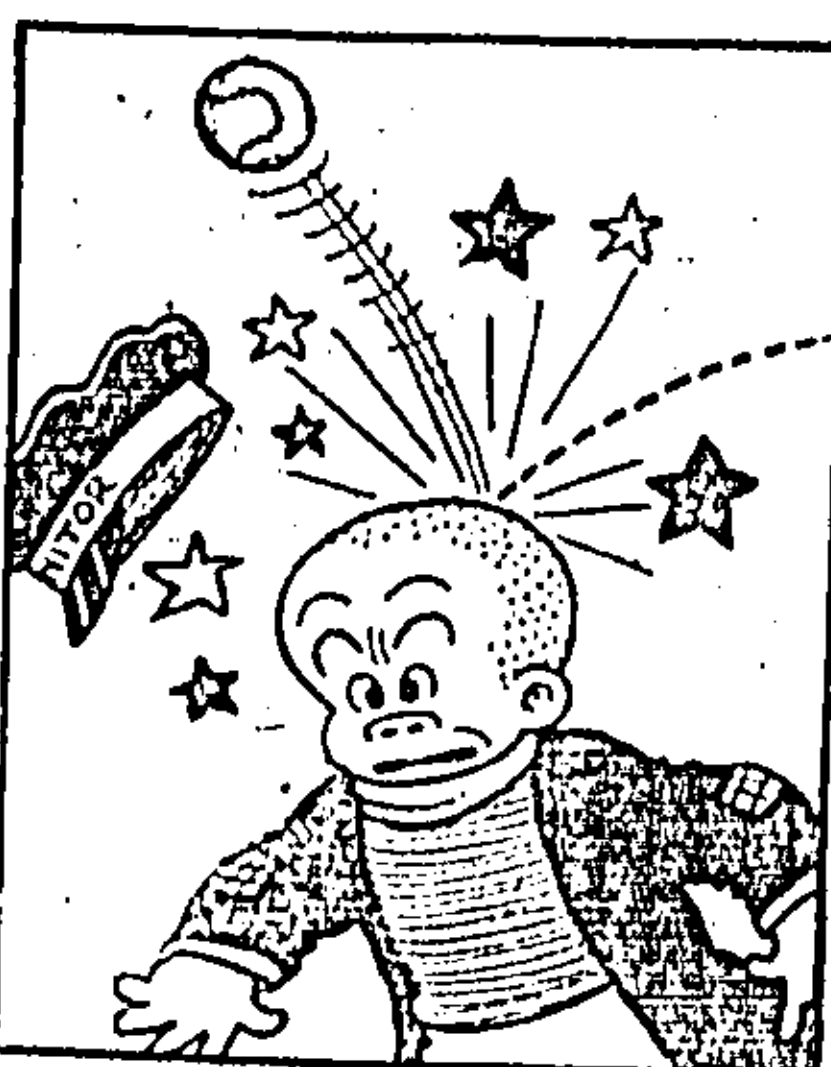
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## French Labourers Attempt Strike

ZURICH, July 23 (Reuter).—Commenting on Moscow's broadcasts inciting French workers to strike and sabotage, the "National Zeitung" says that widespread strike movements have been attempted among textile workers and coal-miners in Northern France but they were instantly throttled by the occupation authorities who close food shops and prevented the sale of food to strikers.

The Vichy authorities have a harder task to prevent strikes as they are reluctant to use similar drastic measures.

In the unoccupied zone, "staggered" strikes consisting of stoppages lasting several hours are successfully carried out by individual sheds, which is sufficient to hold up production in whole factories.

According to the French pro-German weekly paper "Gringoire," 10,000 former officials of the French Communist Party have been arrested and 9,000 have been interned of a total of 30,000.

## Poison Gas Considered By Nazis

Revelations Of Secret Documents

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuter).—Further details concerning the contents of secret documents (detailing instructions for the use of poison gas) which Soviet Russia claims were seized from routed German soldiers at Zapadnaia and Pschna on July 15 have now been disclosed.

According to the Russian authorities, the captured packets were sealed and stamped by the German High Command and addressed to the 2/52 Nebel Merfer Regiment.

Instructions Widespread

The high series of the numbers on one of the enclosed documents indicate that similar instructions were issued to a great number of other regiments.

The detailed explanations bore the date, July 11, and were for the concerted use of "withering" irritant gas shells, the purpose of which is to wear down the physique of the opponent, and then the use of blistering and green-ring gas shells containing vesicant (blistering) and other lethal gases.

## Houses In Safe Areas Popular

While residential property in the heart of London has slumped, Londoners are paying millions of pounds for country houses in safe areas.

Country houses are also in demand as clubs and offices.

Many estate agents, to deal with the business, have opened special departments.

One firm sold seven properties for £30,000, and properties valued at from £2,000 to £4,000 are snapped up as soon as they come on the market.

Purchasers are experiencing difficulty in getting staffs and are using only portion of their houses.

Rent Racketeering

Rent racketeering for flats and furnished rooms in the country still continues.

The premium and key money abuses have been revived.

The Minister for Health, Mr Ernest Brown, campaigning on behalf of tenants, has launched hundreds of prosecutions against racketeers, but the fines are light, ranging from £5 to £20.

A premium of £35 and £10 10s. rent were charged for a flat the rent of which was officially assessed at £2.

A tenant who rented a cottage for 12s. a week sub-let one room for 35s. a week.

NEW DEFENCE COMMISSAR

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuter).—M. Stalin has added another Vice-Commissar of Defence to the group whom he has gathered around him, bringing the total up to six.

The new Commissar is M. Peresipkin, who was formerly Commissar of Posts and Telegraphs.

ZURICH, July 23 (Reuter).—The German Press to-day turned its full propaganda fury on President Roosevelt who was attacked with unprecedented violence. The newspaper reproduced photographs of the President as a freemason.

## Possible Moves By Japan Envisaged

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, July 23.—There is little reason to doubt the authenticity of the news that Japan has given Vichy an ultimatum about Indo-China although no official confirmation has been received in London.

Seeing that the Japanese are already installed in Northern Indo-China, it will not be easy to prevent them spreading to the southern half.

It is probable, however, that the occupation of Indo-China is not an end in itself for the Japanese Government. Rather it is likely that they will use it as a jumping-off ground for their vaster plans of imperialist expansion.

Two Possibilities

Whether they will travel southwards against the Netherlands East Indies or westwards against Thailand in the hope of ultimately severing the Burma Road life-line of Chungking is in the lap of the gods, but it is clear that a move in either direction will constitute a direct menace to British and American interests and will doubtless be weighed very carefully by Japan before she embarks upon any action.

The situation is being closely watched both in London and Washington and the two governments have been in constant consultation with regard to all possible developments.

The Australian and other Dominion governments have also taken part in these exchanges of views.

Signs of Yielding

HANOI, July 23 (Reuter).—The paper "Arip" quotes Paris newspapers advising the French Government "to take precautions in view of the danger menacing Indo-China should the situation become more complicated."

"It is possible that a crisis infinitely more vast than the recent crisis in the Near East may arise in the Far East and in view of the material impossibility of military measures, diplomatic measures must be taken in agreement with Japan to assure Indo-China's safety."

The report also confirms that the Japanese Ambassador in Vichy, Mr Sokomatsu Kato, recently visited Admiral Darlan twice and recalls that the relations between Indo-China and Japan are determined by economic and political agreements which are in full force.

The publication of this item in the official government news agency appears to indicate that the Indo-China public is being prepared very soon for an announcement of agreement giving Japan new facilities in Southern Indo-China.

Indo-China Shipping

SINGAPORE, July 23 (Reuter).—According to travellers, all French merchant shipping is forbidden in the last four or five days to leave Indo-China harbours. No reason was given.

## Indian Units Thanked By Army Council

SIMLA, July 23 (Reuter).—"On behalf of the Army Council, I wish to express deep appreciation of the contribution made by Indian troops to the successful operations in Syria," says Captain David Margesson, Secretary for War, in a special message to the Viceroy.

Captain Margesson adds that the supreme effort of the Indian brigade at Damascus was, in co-operation with the Free-French, decisive in the capture of that city, while the speed and dash shown by the column advancing from Iraq into northeastern Syria were powerful factors in bringing the campaign to an early conclusion.

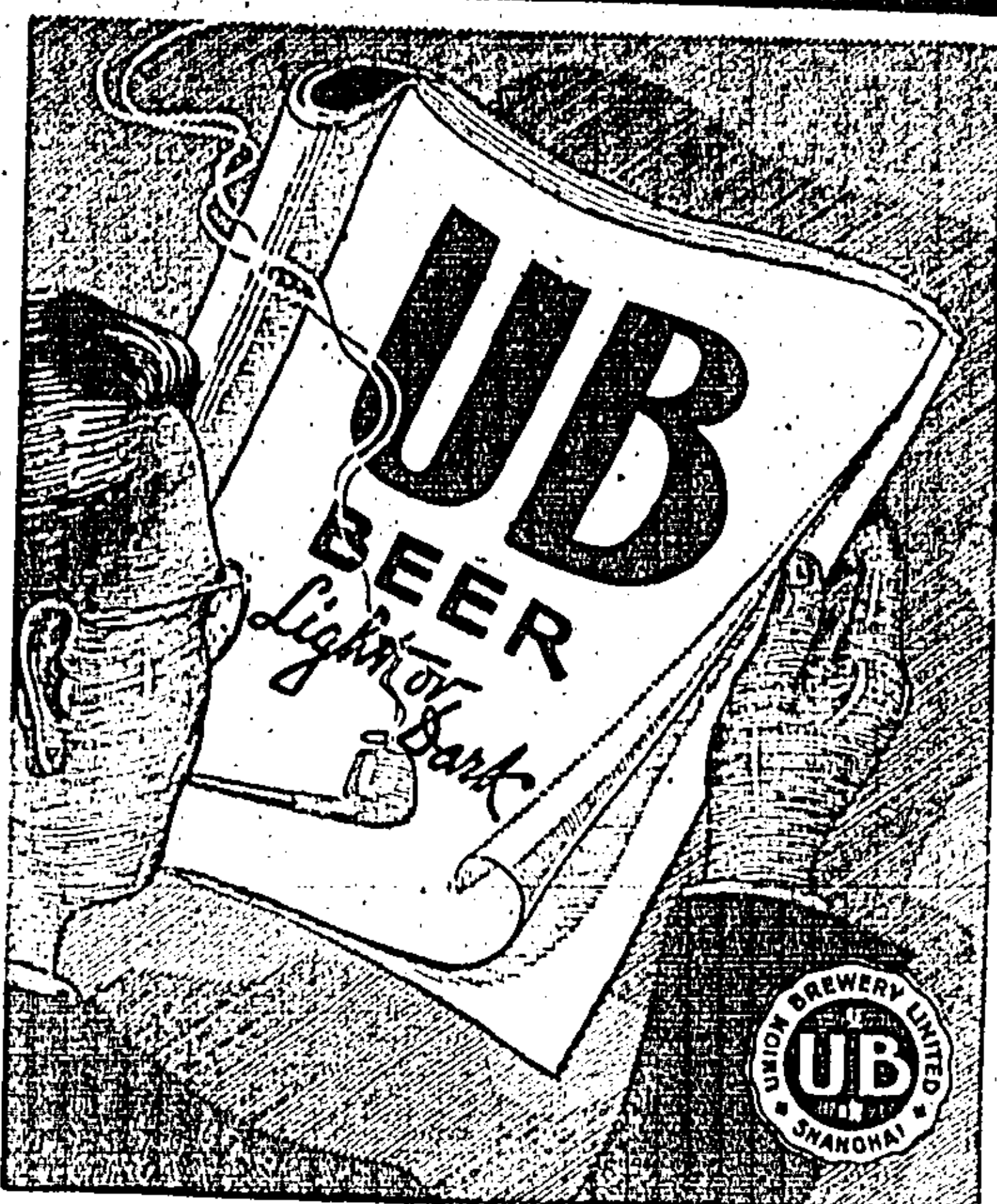
The Viceroy replied: "Your message of appreciation is deeply valued in India. We are all proud of the share the Indian troops had in the Syrian operations and count it a privilege that units of the Indian Army were able to play a worthy part."

BRITAIN'S NEW DIVE BOMBER

LOS ANGELES, July 23 (Reuter).—Smashing a glass wand filled with oxygen across the propeller hub of a new dive-bomber for Britain, Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, declared: "I christen thee Vengeance—the newest V in Britain's campaign for victory."

The dive-bomber, which is a low-wing monoplane and camouflaged, then roared off, climbed to 5,000 feet and went into a deafening dive to 1,000 feet while Vulture Aircraft workers cheered.

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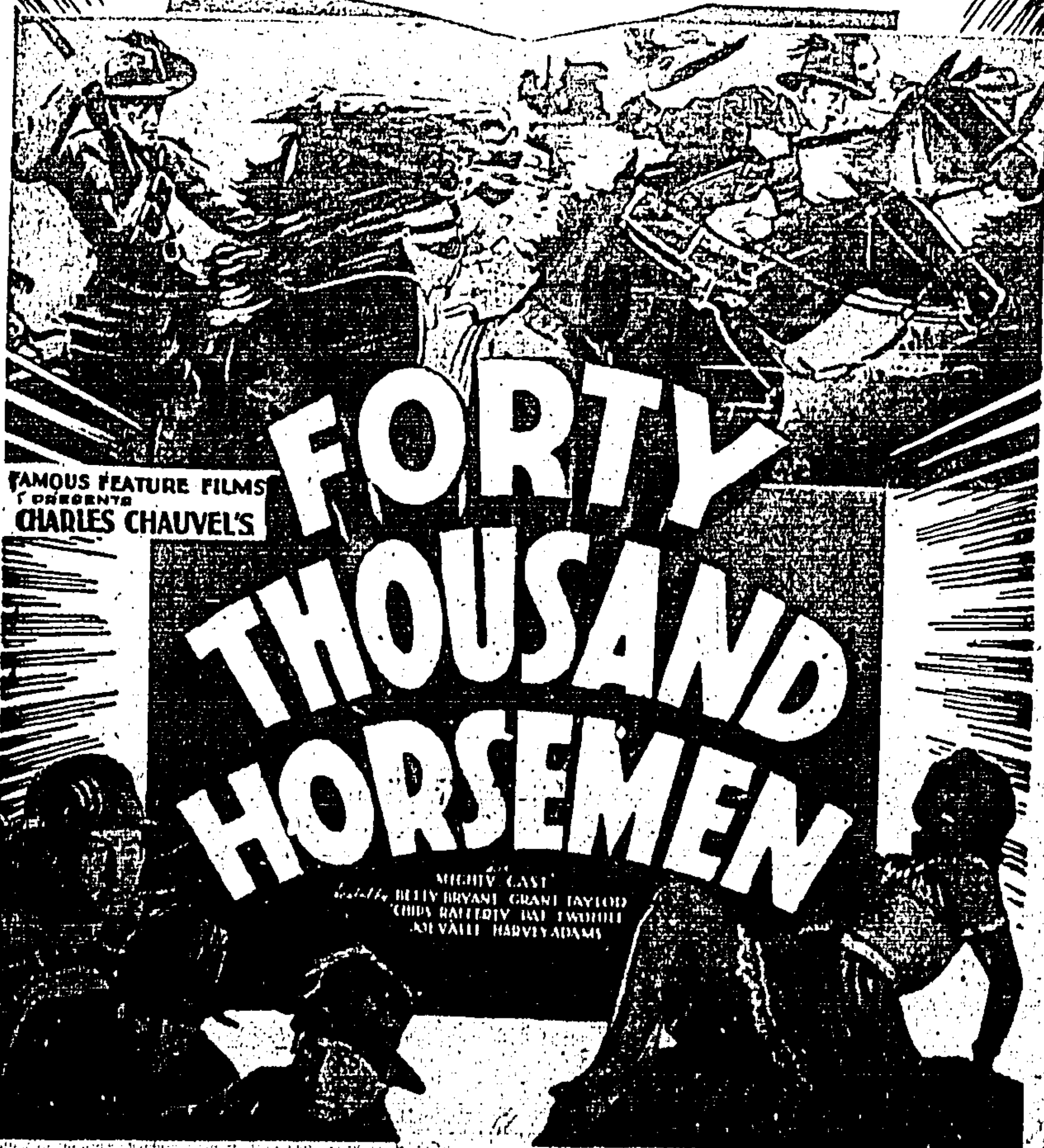


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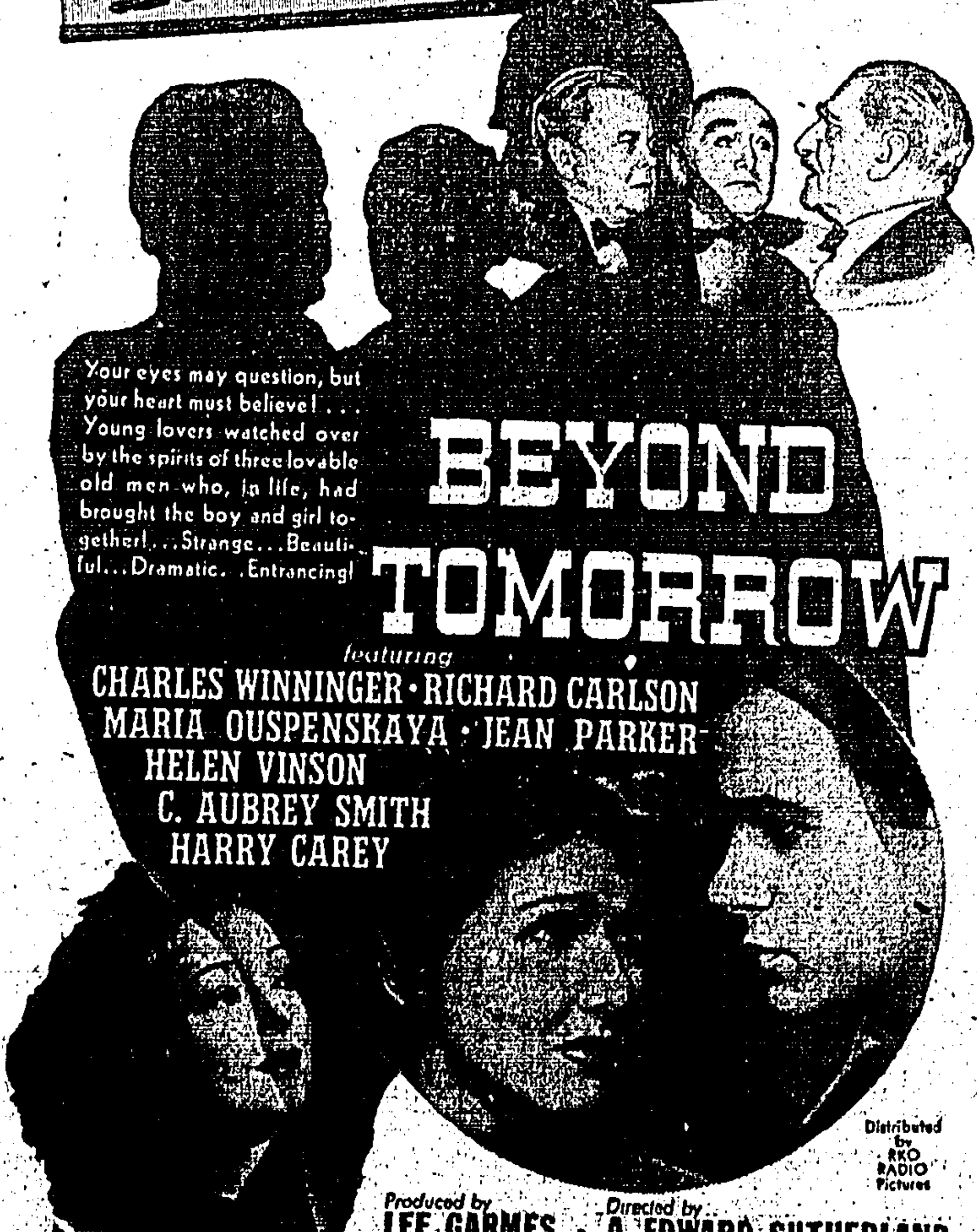
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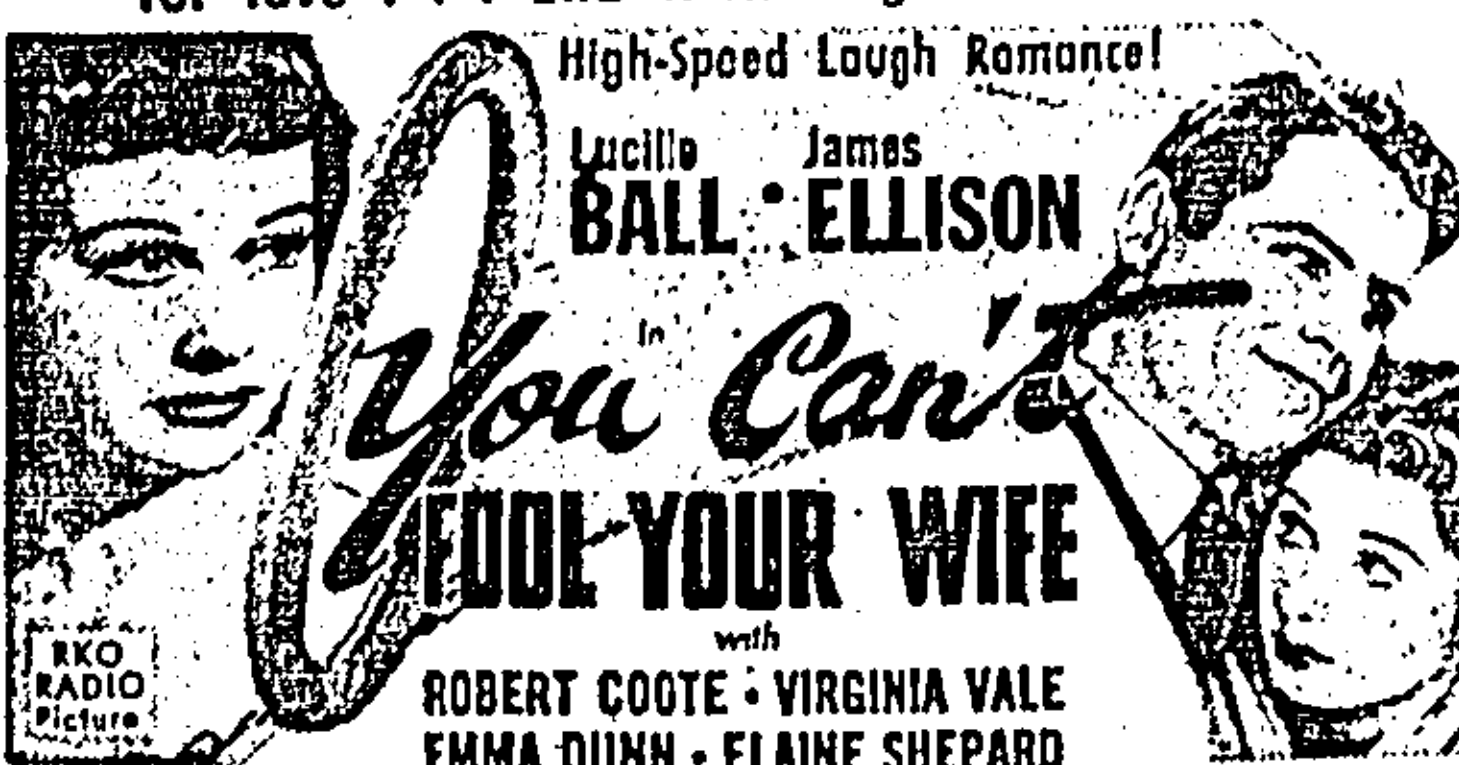
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**No Firearms**

It is understood that the Special Constabulary will not be provided with firearms.  
Selected men were last year invited to join a similar body about the same time that the row-defunct Peace Preservation Corps was established. After a brief period of training, the few who joined were released from service, and nothing further had been heard of the scheme until now.

### No British Designs On Indo-China, Thai

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acquire available rubber and tin before the United States and Britain are able to make pre-emptive purchases.

It is stated that from a total of 50,000 tons of the 1941 rubber crop, Japan has already secured approximately 30,000 tons compared with normal pre-war purchases of under 5,000 tons.

From roughly 18,000 tons of tin ore which is Thailand's yearly output, British, Australian and to a lesser extent the United States-controlled concerns seem to be assured of about 12,000 tons which is destined for smelting in Malaya, the remainder going to Japan.

**Petain's Hint**

VICHY, July 23 (Reuter).—"We shall again perhaps have to defend our colonies," said Marshal Petain, addressing students at Aix-en-Provence Military Academy to-day. "If any new adventures should ever be undertaken, I hope that we shall face them with the same energy and vigour as was shown in Syria."  
We are obliged to protect our colonies and the whole of our Colonial Empire on which our neighbours have their eyes. We must be able to defend it. We must be ready for all eventualities.

**Japanese Cabinet**

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—The Japanese Privy Council met to-day at the Imperial Palace, and it is announced that an extraordinary session will be held before the end of the week.

The official announcement says that the special session will discuss various questions confronting the nation.

### Berlin Admits Advance Slowed

FROM PAGE ONE

sunk when Soviet bombers attacked an enemy convoy, states the official Soviet news agency. Five ships were sunk by a Soviet destroyer.

The convoy was apparently intercepted in the Baltic when proceeding north. Soviet fighters on patrol flashed back the news of the presence of enemy ships.

Soviet bombers repeatedly attacked the ships while destroyers shelled the transports. The enemy vessels exploded and sank.

**Moscow's Good News**

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuter).—A Soviet communiqué issued to-night by the Soviet Information Bureau announces:  
"During July 23 stubborn battles against the enemy were waged in the Polesie, Smolensk and Zhitomir directions and on the Bessarabian sector of the front."  
"At one point of the Bessarabian front, our forces routed an enemy motorised regiment, capturing 400 cars, 300 motor cycles, 32 armoured cars, 25 guns, eight mine-throwers and other armaments."

"Our air force during July 23 delivered concentrated blows upon enemy mechanised units and aircraft on aerodromes."

**Nazi Reinforcements**

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—German occupying troops, including those of the older classes, are reported to have been withdrawn from Rumania and Bulgaria to reinforce the troops on the eastern front, according to a "Reuter" correspondent cabling from "somewhere in Europe."

### Anglo-U.S. Counter To Japanese Move

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be impracticable here as the railway linking Indo-China and Yunnan was torn up on the Chinese frontier some time past and the movement of materials and men through such mountainous country is considered to be impossible.

On the other hand, the Chinese have made military expeditions in impossible terrain before now.

**Chiefly Naval Action**

Japanese action, if and when it begins, is expected to be chiefly naval, after which troops might be landed at Saigon and in the areas around Camruth.

Close observers believe that Japan has chosen this moment in a manner which suggests Axis timing, thinking that President Roosevelt is likely to do little while he is trying to get the Selectees Extension Bill through Congress.

**In Own Interests**

It is believed here that Japan is acting in her own interests rather than the Nazis' who may benefit incidentally. It is also suggested that Japan rightly or wrongly feels that the maximum aggressiveness which can be undertaken without rousing America and Britain to take up arms against her, and if it is successful, it would bring her within better striking distance of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies should a promising opportunity occur to attack those places later.

It seems certain, however, that the United States will take some action. A high State Department official in a private conversation is reported to have said recently that America was "prepared" if Japan moved aggressively against Indo-China, and Mr. Sumner Welles is seeing the Japanese Ambassador to-night and is believed likely to tell him that the result of Japanese aggression in Indo-China or elsewhere will be a further strain on American-Japanese relations.

**Even More Serious**

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—"The international situation is even more serious than the general public understands and it is rapidly becoming more serious," stated Mr. Andrew J. May, Chairman of the House of Representatives Military Commission, after an executive session of the committee to-day.

**Knox Expects Action**

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—"There is no question" but that the recent developments in the Far East, including Japanese censorship, meant new military developments in that area, said Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, at a press conference to-day.

He looked for movement out there, and very soon," said Colonel Knox, but he declined to discuss the possible direction of the move.

"No one can tell at this point whether it will go north or south," he said.

In reply to a question, Colonel Knox said that the United States Pacific Fleet was in position to do whatever was necessary to carry out American policy in the Far East.

**Indications of Unrest**

VICHY, July 23 (Reuter).—There are signs of growing tension in the Far East reported in a Shanghai dispatch to the official Vichy news agency.

This says that the suspension of visas for Japan was learned of to-day. Foreigners who recently arrived at Nagasaki to spend a holiday in Japan were not allowed to go to a certain summer resort on the coast.

All Japanese shipping companies announced this morning that they would stop indicating the movements of their ships.

Another announcement stated that travellers from Tokyo to Dairen could only take small suitcases with them. The reason was to save space and make it possible to cope with a "considerable increase in the number of travellers going to Manchukuo."

**Vichy Talks Continue**

VICHY, July 23 (Reuter).—The Franco-Japanese talks are the subject of a semi-official announcement made here to-night, but it contains no reference to the Japanese Indo-China ultimatum.

It says "conversations begun in two recent visits paid to Admiral Darlan by the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Somatani Kato, are continuing by an intermediary of the Japanese diplomatic representation at Vichy."

"At the same time, Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, has several times received Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese mission. These interchanges of views are taking place within the framework of the agreements concluded a year ago between France and Japan."

The Press of unoccupied France has so far remained silent on the question.

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### Vichy Concedes New Bases To Japan

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turn and no pressure brought to bear from Germany.

**Vichy Crawl**

VICHY, July 23 (Reuter).—After saying that the agreement of August, 1940, recognises that Japan has rights due the nation most interested in the maintenance of order in the Far East, the official Vichy news agency adds: "The Japanese are of the opinion that events reported in the immediate neighbourhood of Indo-China constitute a threat to this order, of which they are the defenders."

"French political observers are of the opinion that in these circumstances the Japanese request to take certain measures may be taken into consideration as long as the rights of France in Indo-China are not encroached upon and all guarantees concerning her sovereignty are given her."

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**Smolensk In Hands Of Soviets**

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The German public that not Moscow but the "destruction of the Soviet Army" before Moscow is their immediate objective.

The whole situation in the Leningrad sector is more obscure. The Russians do not believe that the German thrust across the highly fortified Karelian Isthmus or around Lake Ladoga, with its difficult lake and waterway-cut terrain, can succeed.

**Leningrad**

Danger to Leningrad is only possible from the southwest but the main Soviet troops in this sector are holding on grimly around Pskov and the position of the Germans here is not unlike Smolensk.

In any case the whole region between Pskov and Leningrad and also between Tallinn and Leningrad along the coast is largely composed of forest and marshes with few roads.

**Burma's Home Guards**

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**LATE NEWS**

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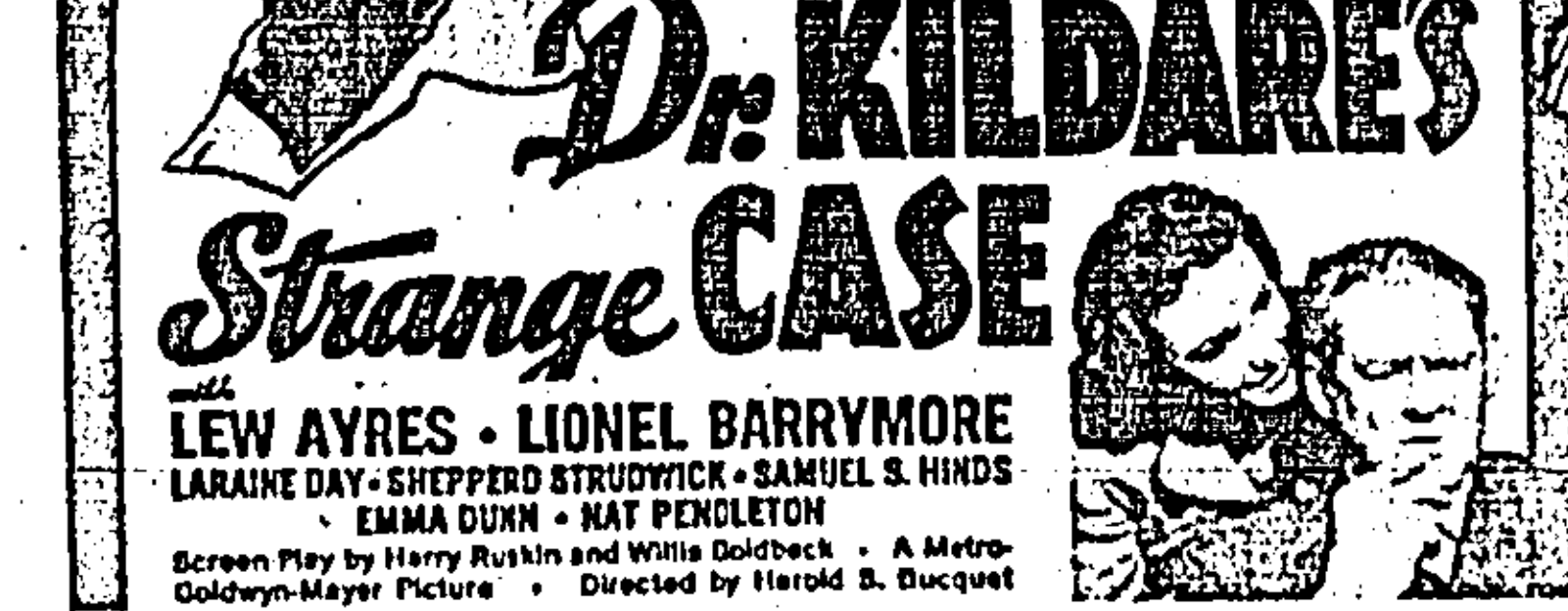
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## HONGKONG SCHOLARS' SUCCESS

News has been received in Hongkong that Gloria June Moss & Evelyn Grace Morrison have passed the Cambridge School Certificate Examination.

The candidates were pupils of the Central British School of which both were Prefects and, owing to the evacuation, their entries were transferred to the Melbourne University, Australia.

Another achievement is that of Marion Hill, who was recently awarded a special Singing Scholarship at Bedford High School for 12 months. In addition, the Board of Governors granted her a second scholarship in the form of Free Tuition during the remainder of her time at the School. Marion was Head Girl Prefect at the Central British School which she left in April 1939 having already passed the Cambridge School Leaving Certificate Examination at the age of 14 years. 3 months with such a high standard that she was granted exemption from the London Matriculation examination.

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NOTICE is hereby also given that the Directors have made a further Call of \$2.00 per share upon all the members holding shares of the 1941 Issue whether allotted on 24th January or 3rd July, 1941, and that such further Call will be payable on the 6th day of January, 1942.

The above mentioned Calls will be payable to the Bankers of the Company, the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V. BRAGA,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd July, 1941.

### APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRES IN FREE CHINA

At the request of Madam H. H. Kung and with the support of His Excellency the Governor and under the auspices of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in South China, an appeal is made for funds for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Orthopaedic Centres for disabled soldiers and civilians in China.

Cheques and donations may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. K. Lo, British Relief Fund for Distress in South China, Alexandra Building, marked Orthopaedic Appeal or to the British Relief Fund for Distress in South China, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank marked Orthopaedic Appeal.

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8.0 London—The News.

8.15 London—War Commentary.

8.25 London—"Listening Post."

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Variety with Jack Hulbert and Cleely Courtneidge.

9.0 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 Negro Spirituals.

No Hiding Place (Traditional Arr. Sam Manning); Help Me Fly Over The Jordan (Traditional); Sam Manning's West Indian Rhythm Boys; Run, Mary, Run (Negro Spiritual, Arr. Gulon);... Edna Thomas (Soprano) with piano.

9.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

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9.45-10.0 News in French (On Short Wave Only).

9.45 Terence Casey at the Organ. Fifty Years of Song; In A Bird Store (Lido).

10.0 London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.0 London—"War Correspondents."

Talk by an American Journalist.

11.15 Close Down.

## JAPANESE FLEET ON THE MOVE

CHUNGKING, July 23 (Reuter).—While Japan has been presenting demands for air and naval bases in southern Indo-China, Japanese warships and troop transports have been moving south, according to a statement by the Chief of Intelligence Department of the Chinese Army at a Press conference to-day.

He stated that seven Japanese warships, three aircraft carriers and 55 destroyers were sighted off Kiuahu in southern Japan yesterday steaming south.

Thirty transports escorted by three warships had also been seen steaming south from Canton.

**Naval And Air Base**  
Japanese demands to Vichy include the use of Camranh Bay as a naval base, the use of Saigon as an air base and the garrisoning of troops in southern Indo-China, according to a Chinese spokesman who called it was quoting from a cable from Vichy dated last Monday.

He added that at present the Vichy Government were refusing the Japanese demands.

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## Wyndham Street Robbery

### Jewels And Money

Mr K. Narandas, of No. 35 Wyndham Street, Central district, reports that between midnight and 7 a.m. yesterday, some one broke into the premises and stole a quantity of jade and various precious stones, also a wallet containing a gold sovereign and \$30 Mexican currency, to the total value of \$970.25.

**N.A.A.F.I. Loss**  
Mr Hector, manager of the N.A.A.F.I. Store, Nanking Barracks, Kowloon, reports that between 3 p.m. on July 22 and 6 a.m. yesterday, some one broke into the store and stole wine and cigarettes to the value of \$12.

**Wood Oil Taken**

Wood oil, valued at \$180, was reported stolen between July 21 and to-day from Messrs John Manners and Company's godown in Hongkong.

## R.A.F. Climb High Over Channel

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
FOLKESTONE, July 23 (UP).—R.A.F. bombers accompanied by a considerable number of fighter planes flew towards France this afternoon but at such a great height that it was difficult to distinguish them. After a few minutes, the sound of anti-aircraft guns echoed across the Channel. Other fighter planes patrolled the English coast line.

**Result of Raid**

LONDON, July 23 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced to-day that industrial targets at Frankfurt-on-Main and Mannheim as well as other points in west Germany were attacked last night.

The docks at Dunkirk, Rotterdam and Ostend and German towns in northern France were attacked.

No British planes are missing.

## SHAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS TAKEN OVER

Word has been received here stating that Wang Ching-wel's agents on July 18 forcibly occupied the former premises of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at 69 Hongkong Road, Shanghai, says "Central News."

A spokesman of the Chamber, which now has its headquarters in Hongkong, declared yesterday that the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce is a legal Chinese organisation representing the majority of Chinese interests in that city and receiving their whole-hearted support. The occupation of its premises by Wang Ching-wel's agents will in no way affect its legal status.

## Ships For Britain Coming Off Slips

NEW YORK, July 23 (Reuter).—The first of 30 ten-thousand ton cargo ships being built for Britain at the Todd Shipyards in California is expected to be launched on August 15, four months to the day after the keel was laid.

Three more hulls are now on the slipways.

Thirty similar vessels are being built at the Todd yards at Portland, Maine.

## Ship Captains In Black-Out Summonses

Mr B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions, was called as a witness before Cmdr T. C. Stiff at the Marine Court this morning, when summonses against the masters of three ships for breach of black-out regulations were heard.

Defendants were Captain G. H. M. Vanderliet, Captain B. Ball, and Captain J. Jensen. They pleaded not guilty.

They were charged with having failed to reduce the lighting on their ships to a satisfactory degree during the black-out exercises. Each case was heard separately.

Sergeant W. Cameron, who prosecuted in the case of Captain Vanderliet, said he received instructions from the Water Police at 8.15 p.m. to go to the No. 1 Kowloon Godown and summon the master for having lights on board. He went to the No. 1 wharf, and saw four large lights forward. He saw the captain about 0.15 to 0.20 p.m.

Cross-examined by Mr H. J. Armstrong, witness said that two of the lights were about 30 ft from the deck. He could not say definitely if they were screened or not.

Mr Armstrong asked witness if he was aware that ships were allowed to have lights to work cargo. Witness replied in the negative.

Mr Armstrong: Why did you not suggest that the lights be reduced and the working of the cargo continued?—I did not know of paragraph 9 or 10 of the regulations.

**Seen From Air**

Mr B. H. Puckle, in evidence, said that he was on aerial observation duty on July 22, and saw a ship at the Kowloon Wharf with very bright lights showing. It was between two to three thousand feet. "Judging from my previous experience, these lights could be seen from anything up to 20,000 feet," Mr Puckle added.

In answer to Mr Armstrong, witness said he could not say how much light was necessary to work cargo.

A successful submission that the prosecution had failed to make out any case against Defendant was made by Mr Armstrong, and the case was dismissed.

**Case Adjourned**

The case against Captain B. Ball was adjourned, meaning this afternoon after evidence had been given by Sgt J. Hill, Mr Puckle, and Mr M. L. Bevan.

Evidence against Captain Jensen was given by Police Reservist G. Tavasterna, who said he was instructed to go to the No. 4 Kowloon Godown wharf about 10 p.m. on July 21. He saw the Chief Officer of the ship and him to extinguish the lights. This request was complied with.

**Captain Jensen**

A statement on the matter was made by Captain Jensen, who said he arrived in the Colony on July 21, and received written instructions regarding the black-out. He knew that vessels were allowed to work cargo with the necessary lights for the safe working of cargo. Orders were issued by him to his Chief Officer to have the lights screened as much as possible for safe working.

Cmdr Stiff: (to Tavasterna) Why did you tell the chief officer to extinguish the lights?—I was instructed by the officer at the Water Police Station.

Did you know anything about these regulations the day you went aboard the ship?—No.

Did you consider these lights were screened in any way?—They were screened on top with a piece of cloth extending about six or seven inches down the sides.

Asked if he saw any other lights showing on board, witness said that other lights showing from the portholes were reflected on the water.

Defendant could not give any explanation regarding the porthole lights, and was found technically guilty and cautioned.

## Churchill Statement

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

LONDON, July 23 (UP).—It is expected that Mr Churchill will make a full public statement on the War situation in the House of Commons shortly, surveying the whole field of recent operations and taking stock of Britain's present position.

The statement will be followed by a 101 days' debate on general aspects.

## Disappearance Of Man Disappointed In Love

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## Weekly Total Of Enemy Ships Out Of Action

LONDON, July 23 (British Wireless).—Enemy shipping losses for the week ending July 21 were, in part due to the highly successful low level attack on shipping at Rotterdam on July 16 and the complete break-up of two enemy convoys on July 19.

In the Rotterdam attack, 11 ships varying in tonnage between 10,000 and 20,000 were hit and left smoking. The Rotterdam Lloyd liner Balaor, a motor vessel of 17,000 tons, was hit by several bombs. Two supply ships, each of 4,000 tons, exploded and a smaller vessel of the same kind was hit and ships and exploded.

In all, 17 ships totalling between 80,000 and 100,000 tons were put out of action, while five more ships totalling between 40,000 and 45,000 tons were severely damaged.

**Two Convoys**  
The other two big attacks took place off The Hague and the Island of Norderney. In the first off The Hague, the convoy was so strongly guarded by fastships that they almost equalled the number of vessels they were guarding. Four vessels, one of 4,000 tons which blew up, and three of 6,000 tons each, which caught fire, were accounted for.

Later in the day in a second convoy off Norderney, a tanker of about 10,000 tons and four ships—one of 6,000 tons, two of 8,000 tons and one of 2,000 tons—were left blazing.

With other successful attacks, mainly off the French coast, a total of over 220,000 tons of enemy shipping was thus either disposed of altogether or put out of action for some time to come.

## Struck Bus Conductor Driver In Court

Angry at being requested not to ride on the steps of a bus, Li Fuk, 27, driver of the bus conductor and jumped off the bus.

He was arrested and charged before Mr D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistrate's this morning with assaulting Nip Lam, bus conductor, on board bus No. 385.

It was stated that Defendant boarded the bus in Argyle Street about 7 o'clock this morning and travelled on the steps. He was angry when the conductor requested him to come up, but he kept his temper until the bus arrived in Salisbury Road, then he struck the conductor a blow and jumped off the bus. He was intercepted by a postman.

Defendant was fined \$10 or 14 days' hard labour.

## Mobile Canteens For Britain

LONDON, July 23 (British Wireless).—Mrs Winant, wife of the American Ambassador in London, today presented 13 mobile canteens, a gift from friends in the U.S.A., to the Salvation Army for use in relief work in Britain.

This makes a total of 71 canteens now in Britain subscribed through the generosity of the American people.

## Argentinians Probe Nazis

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
BUENOS AIRES, July 24 (UP).—The Taborda Committee (the Argentine equivalent of the Martin Dies un-American activities investigation) with 70 police raided the reputed Nazi national headquarters to-day and seized documents. They were seeking evidence of Nazi infiltration into Argentina as well as linking up the thwarted Bolivian putsch.

The police placed a cordon around the Edificio Naco Germanico, which contains the German Embassy, Consulate and other German organisations, sealing up the fourth floor.

German employees were forced to remain throughout the raid, but there were no detentions.

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## Immigration Officer Faces Bribe Charge

Alleged to have accepted a bribe of \$5 Chinese currency, with a view to influencing his conduct as an Immigration Officer, Cheung Fuk-chau, a middle-aged Chinese, was arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, charged with the offence. Accused pleaded not guilty.

Mr E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, assisted by Sergt C. Wilcox, appeared for the prosecution.

The following Jury was empanelled: Messrs A. E. L. Burgoyne (foreman), C. de M. C. Victor, Fung Wai-sun, Ho Hong-kuen, Trun Thinh-dung, Conrad Brown and Edward Wong-kei Lee.

**In New Territories**  
Mr Williams said that Accused was a Junior Immigration Assistant, and was stationed at Shatin, New Territories, where the border separated Chinese from British territory. About 4.30 p.m. on July 2, a junk containing passengers arrived and berthed by the pier. Accused questioned one of the passengers, Chan Shun, and asked if he had a permit or any money. Chan replied that he had no permit, but had \$5 Chinese currency. He asked Accused if that would do. Accused took the money, and told Chan to walk along the pier quickly.

**Stopped A Second Time**  
On reaching the shore end, another Immigration Assistant, Kan Tung-wing, stopped Chan and asked if he had a permit. Chan said he had not, and Kan went up to Accused and asked why he had allowed Chan through. Accused, it was alleged, said that he had been given \$5, and tried to pass it to Kan, who would not accept it and reported the matter to his superior.

Accused attempted to give the money back to Chan, but was seen. He was told that he would be taken to see Mr A. J. G. Taylor, Assistant Immigration Officer, at Tulpo, but he refused to go, and ran across the border into Chinese territory, where he was detained by a Japanese sentry.

Accused returned to British territory on July 8, and was arrested.

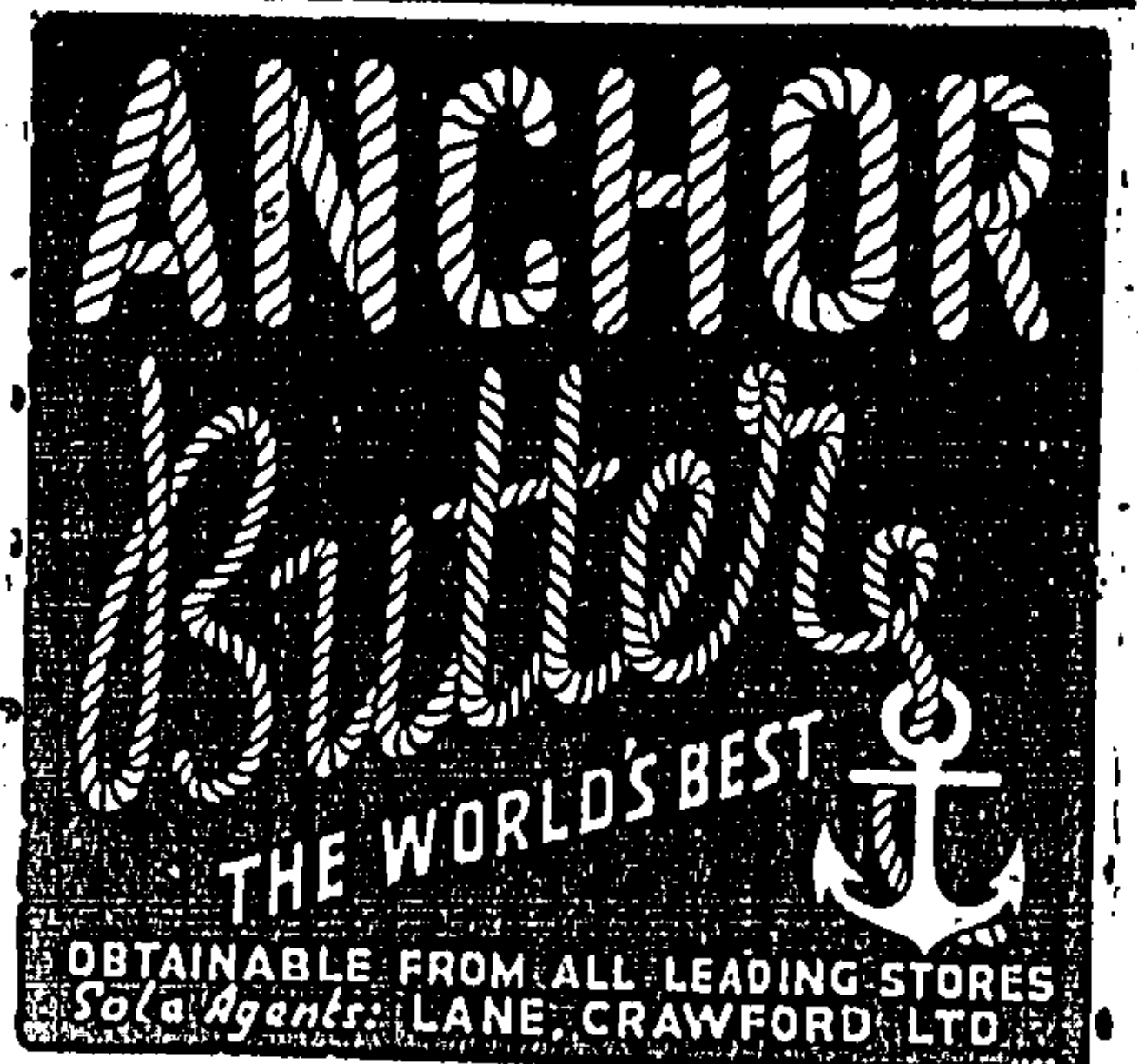
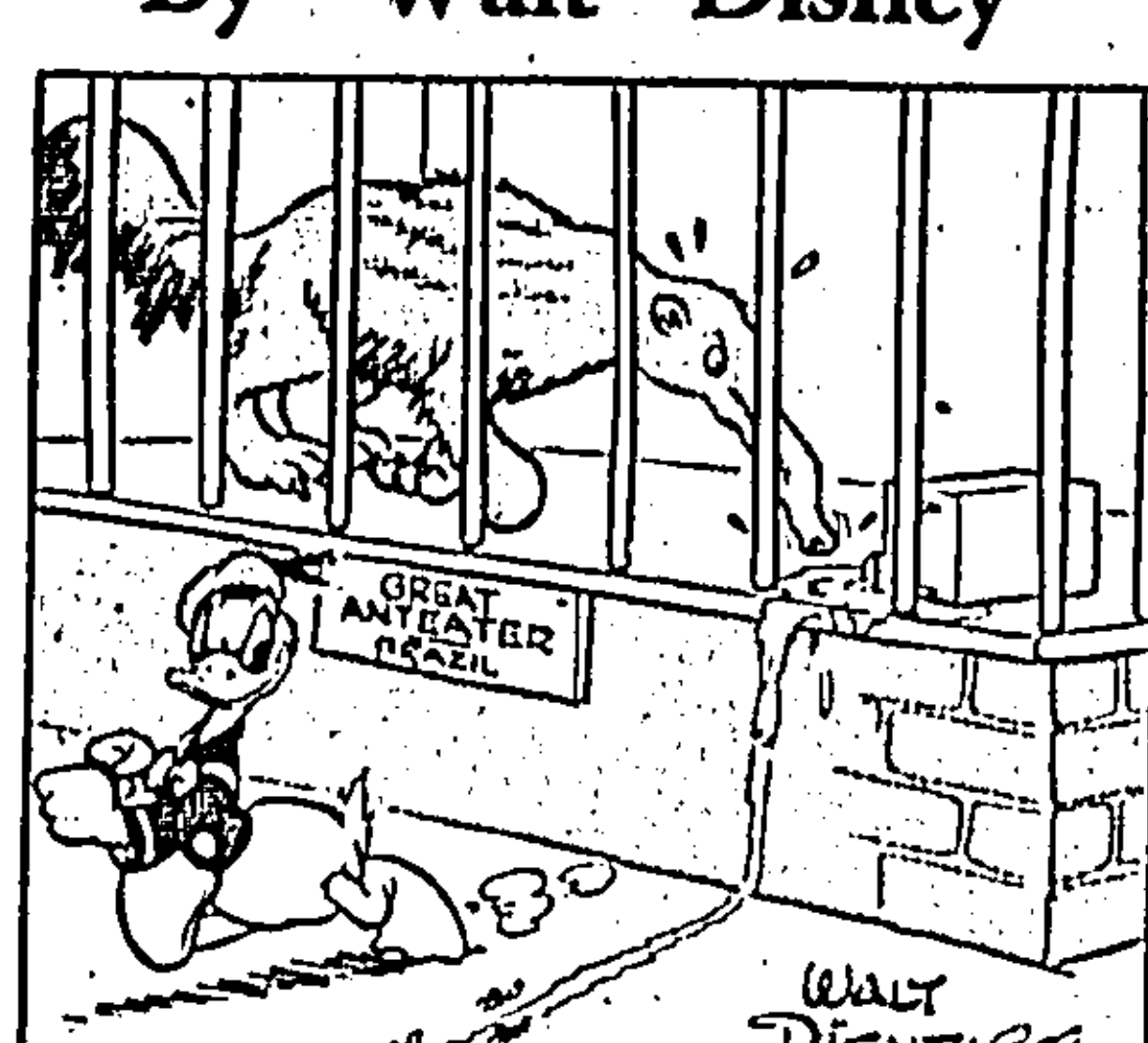
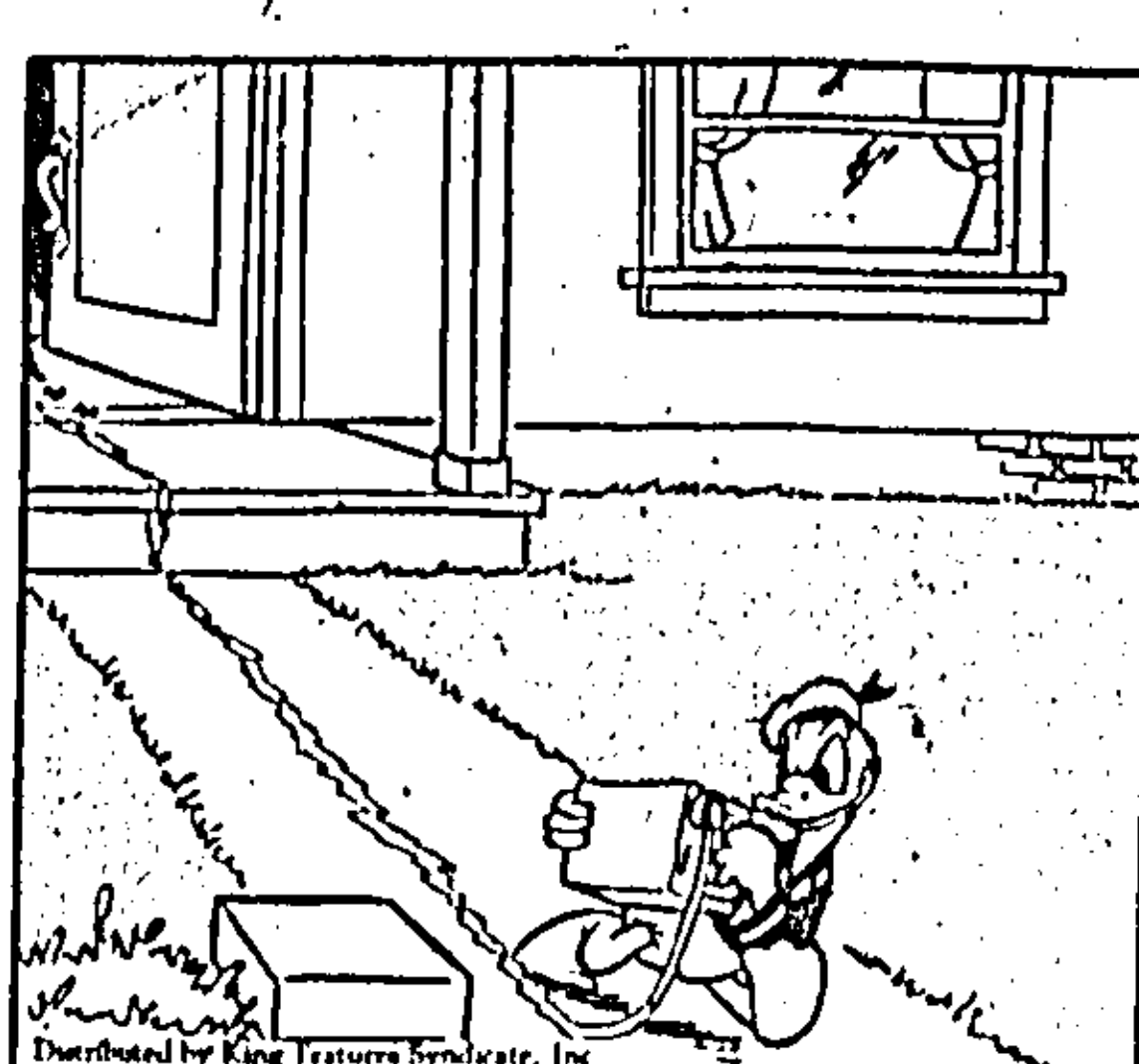
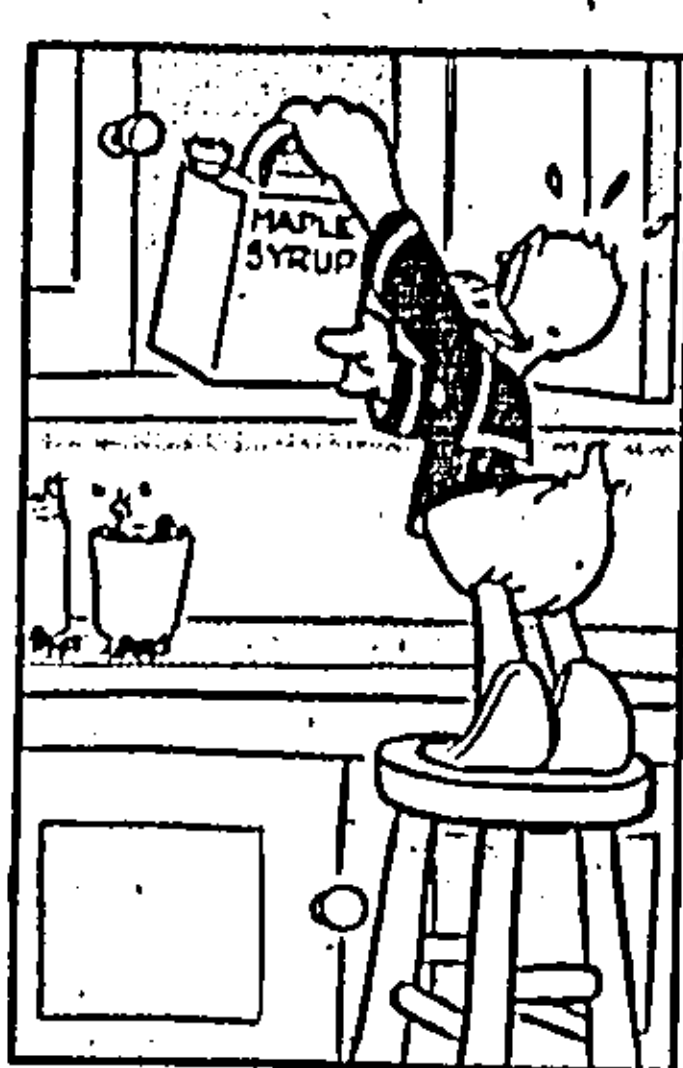
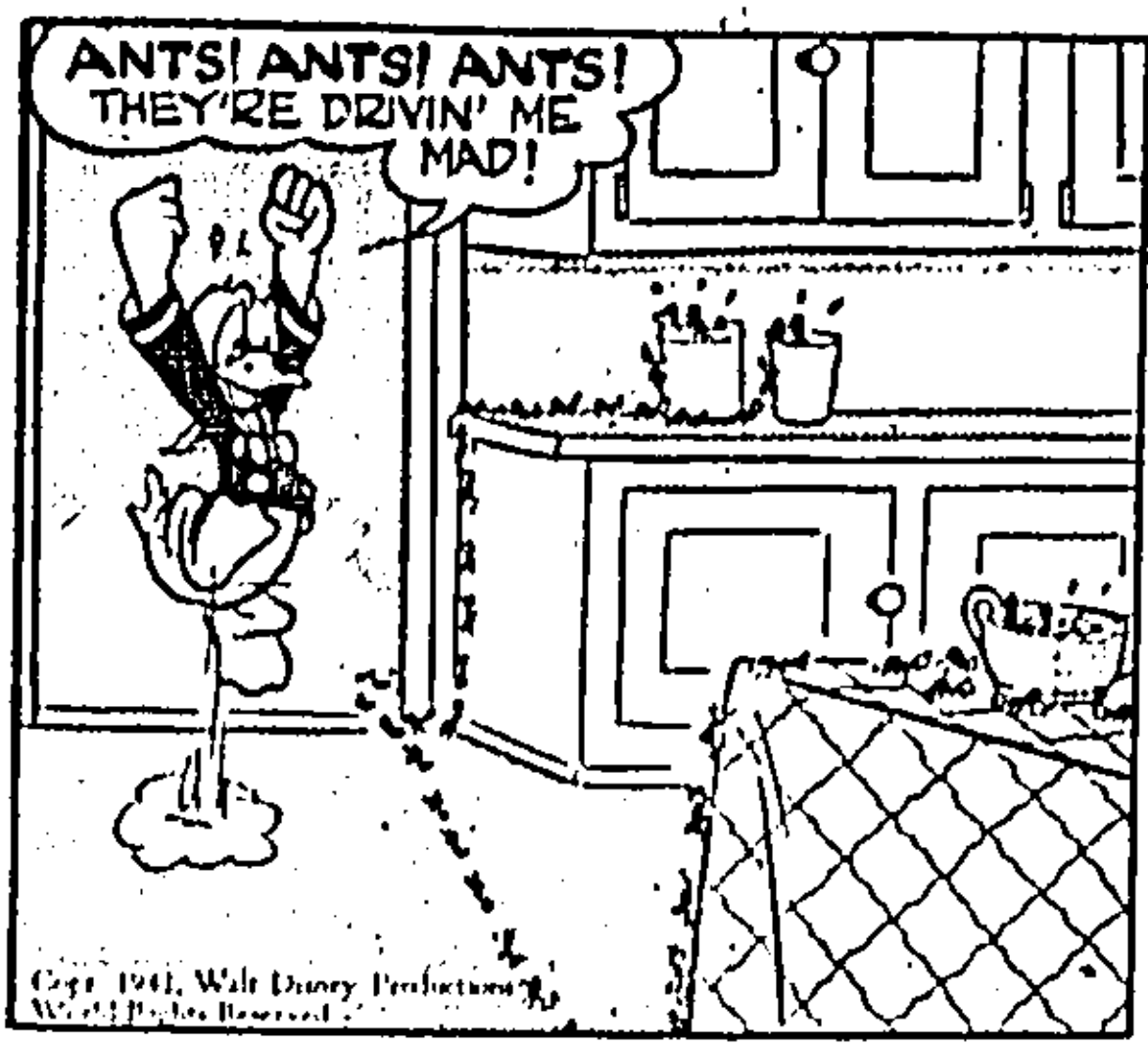
**Accused's Case**  
Giving evidence Accused denied that he had accepted a bribe. The money was placed in his pocket by Chan without his knowledge, and it was when he tried to give the money back to Chan that he was seen. He alleged that the case was brought up by certain of his colleagues because they bore a grudge against him. He had accused them of being lazy.

The case is proceeding.

## Argentinians Probe Nazis



# DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play and How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CUMBERSON

A VERY remarkable lay of cards may turn an apparent laydown contract into a problem hand. Certainly there was no question that North and South, in to-day's hand, reached the correct declaration when they bid seven spades. But the declarer found a bad trump break and had to proceed with caution.

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A 10 7 6  
♥ A K 6 2  
♦ K 10 5  
♣ A 6

♠ 9 8 5 2  
♥ 7 6  
♦ 8 7 6 4  
♣ 3 2

♠ J 10 9 8  
♥ 6 4 3  
♦ J 10 8 4  
♣ 10 9

♠ K Q J 4 3  
♥ 8 7  
♦ A K 8 2  
♣ K Q

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 3♥ Pass  
4♥ Pass 4NT♠ Pass  
6♠ Pass 7♠ Pass

\* 4-6 Notrump Convention.

North-South bid well and logically in reaching what should have been a laydown grand slam. North's first response, based on an excellent fit and 4½ honour-tricks, need no comment. It was South who reserved a large part of the "credit" for his choice of rebids. He could, of course, have rebid his good spade suit, but he realized that that would be less informative than the mention of a new suit, and with considerable strength of his own, he felt justified in encouraging his partner to the limit.

Had declarer not found all four outstanding trumps bunched in one hand, he could have spread his cards

on the table, since he could have ruffed his fourth losing diamond. But when he had won West's club opening and laid down the king of spades, the bad news burst on him. Now, it would be much too dangerous to find out whether a diamond ruff would be necessary. West might ruff the third round (as indeed he would have). Of course, the contract still was safe if the diamonds broke 3-3. Rather than investigate before drawing trumps, declarer decided to play for a diamond break, or a squeeze. He led out four trumps and cashed his other club tricks, but could not find safe discards for all the trumps. As a matter of fact, he was squeezed so easily that it almost spoiled the fun. He could not discard safely on even the fourth trump since, with only seven cards left, he had to keep four hearts to prevent the ruffing out of dummy's suit, and four diamonds to stop South's secondary suit. Thus, declarer having avoided the pitfall of trying for a diamond ruff, the grand slam contract was brought in easily.

To-morrow's Hand  
South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

♠ 8 7  
♥ J 10 8 7 6 2  
♦ 10 7  
♣ K Q 8 4

♠ 10 5 4 3  
♥ Q 8  
♦ J 10 6 6  
♣ 5 3

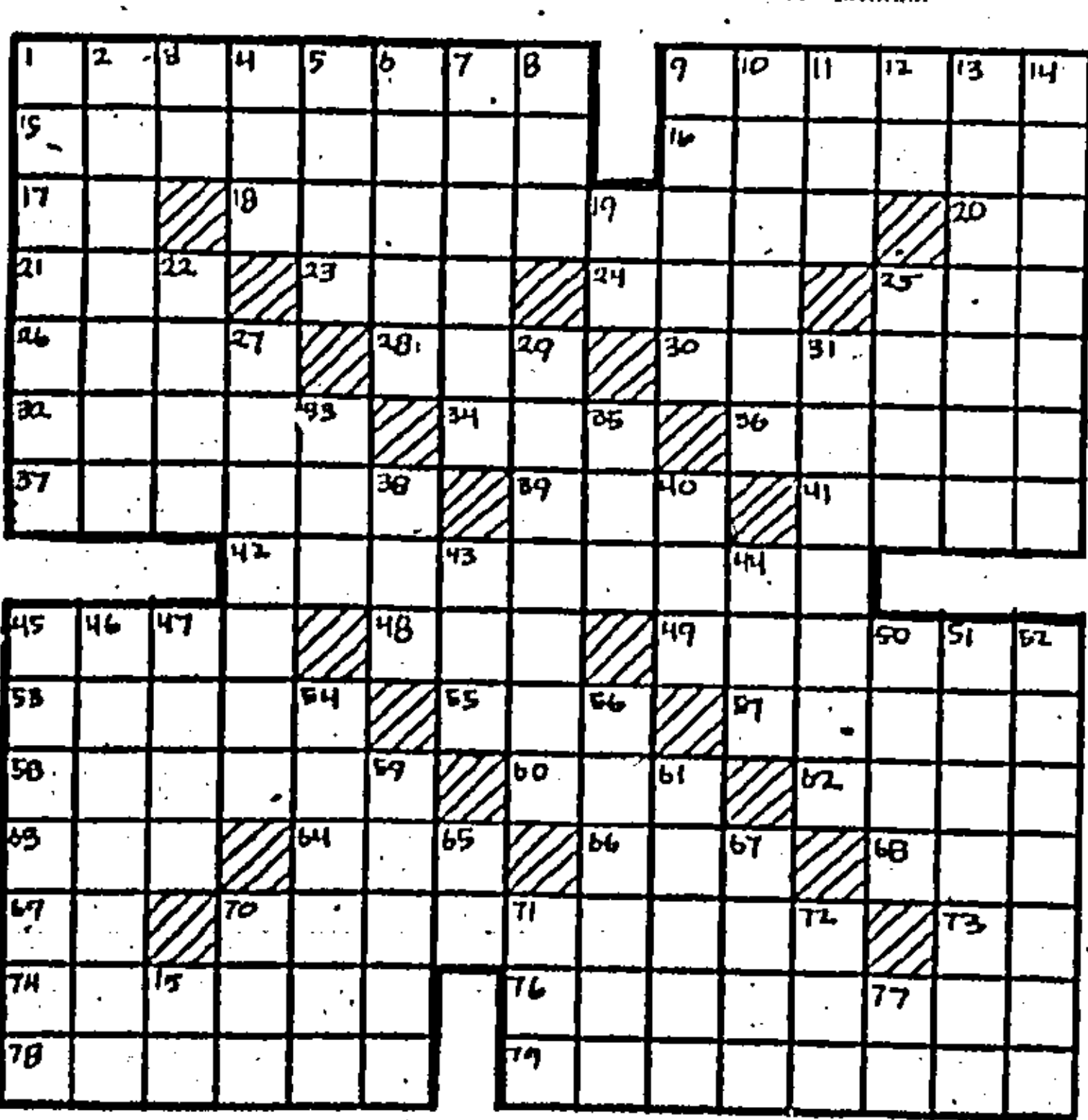
♠ A 9 6 2  
♥ A K 6 4  
♦ Q J 10 3  
♣ 7

How should South play his contract of four hearts doubled? Opening lead diamond king.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS  
1—State of repose  
2—Fair  
3—Backward  
4—Undercurrent  
5—Linger fully by way  
6—Reposition  
7—Brand printing  
8—Universally degree  
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## INVITATION TO VISIT BRITAIN

LONDON, July 23 (Reuters).—An invitation has been sent by telegram to United States Congressmen and Senators to send a representative body to England as guests of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the British sea.

Council to obtain first-hand impressions of British life in all its aspects under present conditions.

The telegram, signed by Sir Malcolm Robertson, Chairman of the British Council, and Colonel Arthur Evans, Chairman of the British Group, suggests that the deputations might travel either by some of the bombers coming to this country or by



Chapter Two

"Oh, Tom . . . this is my new god-son!"

Dulcy's chauffeur had been with her a long, long time — and, besides, he admitted being "kinda eccentric" himself — so he didn't bat an eye when he saw his mistress approaching the car with what looked like a big Chinese doll in her arms. The young man with her didn't have "slant eyes" — so he couldn't be the youngster's pop.

"His name is Kuh Too Chew. . . Can you speak Chinese, Tom?" Dulcy babbled on.

"Sure! I used to be a Marine," the obliging servant answered. He'd long since learned to humour his mistress — and he did manage to juggle a few words he'd picked up during the Boxer Rebellion. There must have been some sense to them — for Kuh Too Chew garbled something back.

"What does his name mean, Tom — 'Kuh Too Chew'?" Dulcy asked.

"Sounds like a sneeze to me, miss," the chauffeur contributed.

"A sneeze? Why it does! Let's call him 'Sneezy' for short." This last remark was addressed to the bewildered foster father.

Dulcy's kindly help bridged the gap of strangeness between Gordon Daly, bachelor, and the wife who had lost parents, home, country, customs, and traditions in a tragedy he was too young to understand. He was his foster father's pal the next time Dulcy saw him. Neither he nor Gordon found the pretty lady hard to take despite the fact that Dulcy had some rather strange ideas about dressing him, such as complete Scottish ensemble, including kilts and streamered cap.

Miss Ward's first interest may have been the Chinese orphan — but never was it first in anything but point of time. The young engineer was the type of man New York debutantes do not often meet. Of splendid family, well educated, and polished in manner, no apologies were needed for his personal charm. But he was a worker, possessed — or obsessed — with a striving idea. The single room his meagre circumstances forced him to occupy served as a mechanical laboratory as well as living quarters.

It was a curious conglomeration of wheels, rods, and wires on Gordon's work bench that threw Dulcy's "let-me-help-you" complex really into high. All she needed to know was that it was a new and revolutionary type of aeroplane motor which Sneezy's foster father had invented and had been vainly trying to sell. Its heart was the "Daly Internal Condenser" which Gordon was sure would make superior performance possible with fuel a lot less expensive than gasoline.

"Why, Gordon . . . you're a genius!" gushed Dulcy after the proud inventor had patiently gone over the motor without enacting one single glimmer to convince him that she knew what he was talking about.

"I wish you could convince California Motors of that," he answered with an amused and somewhat bitter smile. "I've been trying for months — and they're just begin-

The motion picture, "Dulcy," comes to Hongkong next week. Adapted from the famous comedy by George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly, two of America's best known playwrights, it tells of the misadventures of a pretty young girl whose "heart is where her brain should be" and who has a complex of always trying to "help" people, with exciting and embarrassing results. Dulcy Ward lives with her brother Bill (Dan Dailey, Jr.) who is going to marry Angela Forbes (Lynne Carver) when the objections of her father C. Roger Forbes (Roland Young) have been overcome. On the pier where she has gone to meet the Forbeses, including the mother (Billie Burke), Dulcy quite accidentally meets Gordon Daly (Ian Hunter), who has come to claim a little Chinese boy that he has agreed to adopt. Dulcy forgets everything else in this new "helping" campaign which involves Gordon and the Chinese orphan.

ning to lend a not too willing ear.

"California? . . . Are you going to California?" Dulcy asked — with her usual degree of coherence.

"Maybe . . . I hope I get the chance," replied Gordon.

"Oh, but that's nonsense," machine-gunned Little Miss Fix-it. "My brother's practically married to the Forbes Aeroplane Company; and — well — what I mean is . . ."

"Forbes Aeroplane!" interrupted Gordon. "Why, that's the first place I took it. I couldn't get by the front door. I'd give anything for ten minutes with old man Forbes!"

"But that's silly, too! You can't do anything in ten minutes. My idea is to have you live with him awhile!" On no human face transformed by a spiritual "vision" had there ever been a more rapt expression than that on Dulcy's as she uttered these fateful words and raced along mentally to fill in the details of a plan which had been born just a second before!

"Live with him?" mumbled the stupefied Gordon.

"Now, don't say another word. . . I'll take care of everything. . . Dulcy called back over her shoulder as she fairly raced for the door.

Receptionists, telephone operators, secretaries, et al., in Bill Ward's advertising agency offices were rated in efficiency on the basis of how well they protected their boss from the chaos and confusion Dulcy created every time she visited the establishment.

Loose that afternoon with her splendid new idea to help Gordon Daly and revolutionise the aeroplane business, Dulcy had barged past everybody and right up the door of Bill's private office before she was stopped.

"I'm sorry, Miss Ward," said a courteous secretary. "Your brother left word that he was not to be disturbed."

"But he's got to be disturbed — it's a matter of life and death," declared Dulcy as she jiggled the doorknob. The door, electrically controlled, refused to open.

Inside Bill was addressing half a dozen important clients. Not only he but everybody else was distracted by the noise at the door. Bill finally broke down and petulantly jerked it open. Dulcy, clinging to the doorknob on the other side, came within an ace of falling on her face in the middle of the room.

Never non-plussed, Dulcy's salutation was sugary sweet. Her "Hello!" had a smile for everybody — and Bill's clients beamed back at her, looked knowing at each other and at Bill — and began straightening their ties.

"Bill, I've got to see you . . . for just a teeny, weeny minute. It's

terribly important, Bill . . . I haven't, and —," she gurgled.

Bill's stage-whisper answer would have done credit to Richard Mansfield. "Can't you see I'm all tied up," he barked as he fairly shoved her out of the office.

She was back again in a minute when she crowded in behind a stenographer Bill had summoned. "Get out of here, Dulcy — and stay out!" Bill shouted.

"I can't — and won't, Bill — not until I've spoken to you a minute," Dulcy stubbornly insisted.

"I had one like that once," one of the clients said knowingly as Bill accompanied Dulcy into an adjoining office. "She came to the office once, too — and the only way I could square it was to swear she was my sister!"

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It took much longer than a minute for Dulcy to persuade Bill to invite Mr and Mrs Forbes and their daughter Angela to spend the week-end at their lodge on nearby Lake Opowatonome. He'd been an unwilling party to a number of Dulcy's plans — before and he couldn't remember a single one that hadn't back-fired. He had a lot at stake in this instance. Neither he nor Angela had yet been able to bend the crochety Mr Forbes to their will and make him consent to their marriage. Here, thought Bill, was a wonderful chance to gum things up completely. Dulcy's "fixing" ran true to form. And this Gordon Daly angle, he mused, was a brand new one for his capricious sister who didn't usually pick good-looking young men as beneficiaries of her helpful schemes. Bill Ward very definitely had a premonition of evil. Storm warnings. In his brain had begun to fly long before Dulcy finished her opening argument.

Those clients in the other room were waiting — and some of them none too patient or tolerant of inattention.

"Nothing doing!" he said with as much finality as he had ever before loaded into any speech. "Mr Forbes is a very nervous man. What do you think would happen if I got him up there on the pretence of having him spend a quiet week-end — and then sic some crany inventor with a phony motor on him?"

"Bill!" fairly shrieked his sister — and Bill had never heard that tone in her voice before — "Don't you dare talk that way about Gordon!"

"Why, Dulcy?" Bill asked in sharp surprise. "What is this Gordon Daly to you?"

"Well I . . . I'm not sure . . . yet — but I think . . . I think I'm in love with him," was the halting, amazing answer.

"In love with him? Why you only met him a couple of days ago!" countered the astonished Bill.

"What's time got to do with falling in love? I've known grandpa all my life — but I never fell in love with him!" It was a purely "Dulcinian" argument!

While the clients cooled their heels, Bill found time to enjoy his sister's kiss and peck back at her blushing cheek in return as she finally arose to go.

Dulcy knew that Mr and Mrs C. Roger Forbes and Miss Angela Forbes would be at the Ward lodge that week-end if her smart and lovely brother Bill could get them there.

Don't miss Dulcy's "sea story" — in to-morrow's instalment.

## Muscovites Fight Raid Fires Effectively

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

MOSCOW, July 23.—The second aerial attack lacked novelty and thrill for Moscow inhabitants although it came at the height of the great city's night life. Earlier in the evening, there was a short alarm, without the appearance of enemy bombers, and while sirens were still wailing—the second alert, anti-aircraft guns opened fire, continuing until dawn.

Russian fire-fighting methods are effective, judging from the small number of fires despite the great German effort. The Soviet procedure is not always orthodox; many Russians received burns by recklessly grasping incendiaries with their bare hands.

Already the Russians seem hardened to bombing. Even the women and children were less hurried in finding shelter at tube-stations, where the current was disconnected, and smoking and rest-rooms were provided.

Some bombs were dropped on the squares and streets, but traffic was not disrupted as Moscow's streets are extremely wide and can accommodate traffic and bomb craters.

## FATE OF GREECE Burden Of Axis Maintenance

ZURICH, July 23 (Reuter).—The fate of Greece is forming the chief subject of Italian-Bulgarian conversations which are taking place in Rome, according to the Rome correspondent of the "Tribune de Geneve."

The correspondent says: "Italy, which is finding the occupation of Greece a pure burden owing to war devastation and economic disorganisation, is obliged to husband her own resources in view of the expectation of a very hard winter."

"Italy is therefore proposing that Bulgaria should share the task of keeping Greece alive and reconstructing the country."

## LETTERS

Red Tape  
The Editor,  
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—Yesterday I received notice from the G.P.O. that a parcel post package awaited me there for delivery. The notice was endorsed and a coile sent to pick it up. He returned and informed me that it would be necessary to get a form TP 21 from the Import and Export Office, so he was sent there to get them. Again he returned and said that the forms could only be secured from a certain Chinese printer near the Western Market and that there would be a fee connected with it. He was sent there and returned with two of the forms for which he had to pay 30 cents. These were filled out and presented to the Import and Export Office who stamped it "to be removed to the Import and Export Office for examination." The coile proceeded to the G.P.O. and picked up the small parcel and returned to the I. & E. Office who, after examining it, decided that the contents were not dutiable. The coile returned to the G.P.O. and signed for the parcel.

The only one who gained in the deal was the Chinese printer who got 15 cents each for two sheets of paper which the I. & E. Office as a Government Institution should have furnished gratis. The fact that it took the coile from 8.30 a.m. until 3 p.m. to secure the parcel does not count as I am thankful that I had him to do all this running around—thus saving my patience, money and shoe leather. G. E. B.



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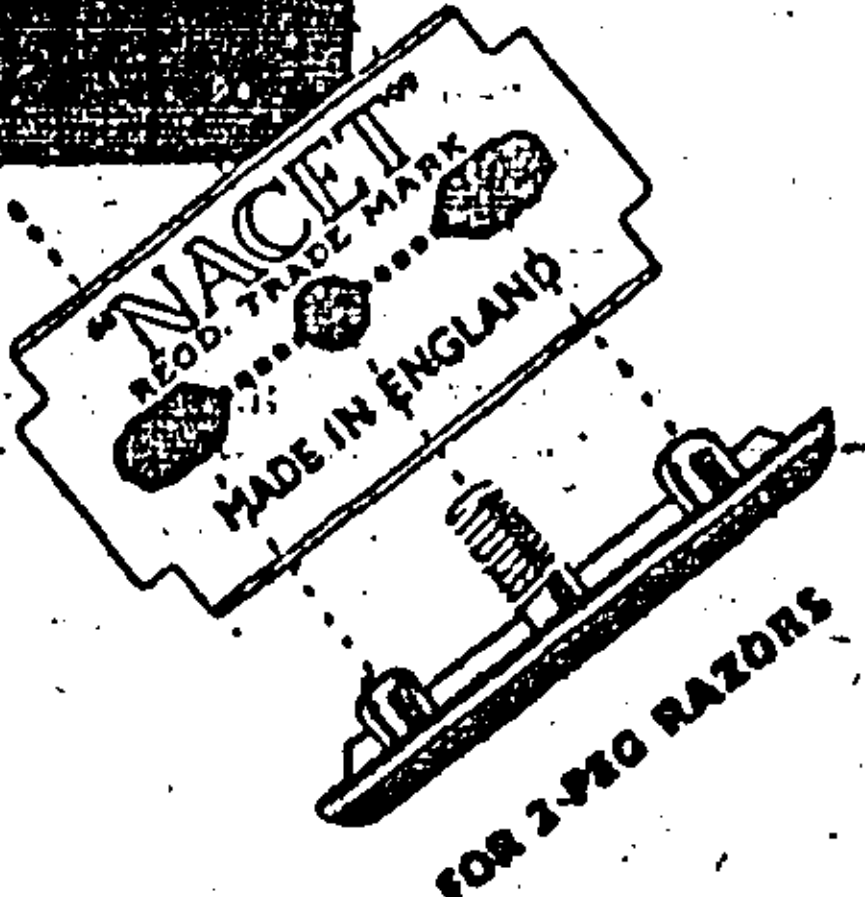
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Were Was I, S.F.T.  
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MP55—Let The Bands Play O/S One Step Harry Roy & His Band.  
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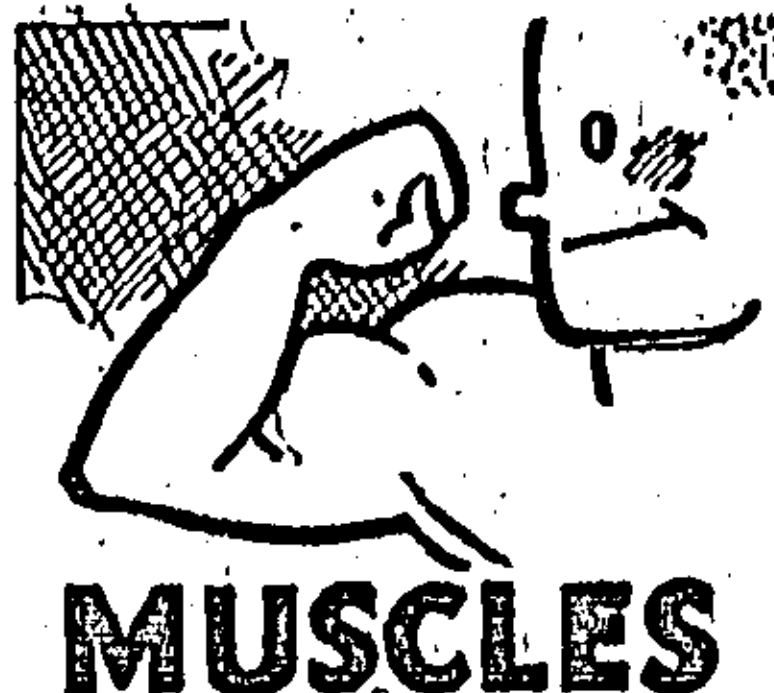
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### THE BLACK-OUT

WAR, being what it is to-day, makes black-outs a necessary part of defence, and black-out exercises the inescapable responsibility of both the authorities and the public. That being conceded, it is still questionable whether these exercises should be made into endurance tests; debatable too whether the sunset to sunrise black-outs accomplish the purpose of making the public more efficient in observing the regulations. The point gains greater emphasis when the all-night tests are held in midsummer and therefore under intolerable atmospheric conditions, such as on Monday and Tuesday.

The Director of A.R.P., in granting the concession of cancelling the exercise after the second night, held himself to be a hard taskmaster and not completely satisfied with results. Albeit, few will contest the claim that the public, as a whole, responded nobly to the demands which called for greater fortification both physical and mental than any of the preceding black-outs. After this has been said, it still remains to be demonstrated what precisely of value to the authorities was gained by the continuation of the black-out after midnight.

On Monday night the actual "raid" lasted from 10 o'clock to 10.30; on Tuesday from 10.15 to 10.25. That gave the organisers with their various units of fire-fighters, rescue squads, decontamination squads, First Aid and so forth, a full hour and a half to carry out their experiments, and the inconvenience (a word used by the Director of A.R.P., but not exactly fully expressing the conditions under which the Colony was suffering) to the public could have reasonably been brought to an end. As it was, half of the Colony spent two sleepless and wholly uncomfortable nights. For many of those who faithfully carried out the requirements of darkening their rooms, it meant also the blacking-out of fresh air.

Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins could have obtained all the results he needed up to midnight and then by lifting the black-out, have given the sweltering populace a few hours of relief. At the best of times a black-out does nothing to aid morale; under Monday's and Tuesday's conditions the Colony's morale became practically non-existent. It is bad policy to whip a willing horse; it breeds resentment

and a consequent loss of confidence.

The necessity of black-out exercises in summer time is not denied, but let them be effected without subjecting the Colony to futile discomforts. If the requirements of a black-out exercise cannot be met by the public in the space of three hours, the solution is not to extend the regulations into the sweltering hours which precede the dawn; this serves no purpose. The answer is either (a) have more exercises, but of shorter duration, or (b) penalise those areas which fail to conform to the regulations by giving them extra black-outs.

# They want all we can sell them

HOW effectively Britannia rules the waves is well demonstrated by the experience of the official Trade Mission which, under my leadership, has just completed a tour of South America.

Travelling in British merchant ships, without escort or convoy—except for the company of a similar vessel on the outward voyage and

of a couple of ex-American destroyers on the last two days before reaching Liverpool—we covered more than 20,000 miles, proceeding by an indirect route to Buenos Aires and returning from Valparaiso through the Panama Canal.

In all those vast stretches of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans we saw no sign of enemy submarine, aeroplane, or surface-raider, nor, so far as I know, were ever menaced by mine, torpedo, or gun.

Such German and Italian ships as sighted were craft that for many months have been lying in South American ports, fearing capture by the Royal Navy if they ventured to put to sea.

One German warship did indeed come within our view. She was the wreck of the Graf Spee, scuttled in the River Plate. As a souvenir of the British victory which brought her to that ignominious end, I was given a switchboard from her fire-control station, which I had the honour of presenting to his Majesty the King.

Under arduous conditions of travel, and amid the trying heat of the South American summer, I can very truly say that all the members of my Mission worked tremendously hard, and we hope that what we have done will produce useful results.

### WHEN FRANCE FELL

THE Latin-American nations are ardently devoted to the ideals of independence and political freedom. The moral support given by this country to their struggle for liberation at the beginning of the nineteenth century is not forgotten by them. They realise that to-day we are fighting in defence of South American liberties as well as of our own.

Everywhere we found the most sincere desire to show friendship and sympathy for Britain. It was evident that the fall of France had been expected to bring about the defeat of Britain. The relief and admiration produced by this country's steady determination to fight on were increased, during our stay in South America, by the splendid exploits of the Greek Army, and by General Wavell's triumphant advance in Africa.

If I were to refer to special incidents that impressed me on my tour, I should recall the dinner at Lima, to which 400 Peruvian sympathisers with Britain had been invited. They follow our fortunes with anxious interest. The arrival of our party of mainly middle-aged and elderly Englishmen, who had left London six weeks after the beginning of the war, had invited the members of my Mission. Every speech delivered on this occasion conveyed the

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## by the Marquis of WILLINGDON

P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.B.E.

former Governor-General of Canada, Viceroy of India, who headed the official British Trade Mission to South America. Now, on his return, he tells of his experiences, of the attitude of the Latin-American nations to Britain and the war.

most ardent wishes for British scribbling generously to the victory.

During our visit to that country, the women of Peru publicly presented to Lady Willingdon three lorry-loads of woollen garments for the British Red Cross. My wife cabled an announcement of this gift to her Majesty the Queen in London, and received a gracious acknowledgment which delighted the generous donors.

All these South American States are intensely eager to bring home to Mr and Mrs Winston Churchill, as a mark of their admiration for the Prime Minister.

### LONG AIR TRIP

I HAVE had long experience of official missions in all parts of the world, but never of one so arduous and yet so congenial as this. We travelled by air from Buenos Aires to Santiago across the mighty Andes, from one seaboard of the continent to the other. We had the trying experience of cruising about in dense cloud at a height of 14,000ft. in the attempt, unsuccessful on the first occasion, to reach Quito, the capital of Ecuador.

The concrete results of my mission on behalf of the British Government will, I hope, appear in due course, and I have collected much information to lay before the Foreign Secretary Mr Anthony Eden, when he returns to this country.

Everywhere I found the greatest keenness to buy what ever goods we can produce for export, and to send in return the valuable products in which South America abounds.

Of course, the war, which has produced shipping difficulties as well as difficulties of exchange, is the main obstacle in the way of fuller trade for the mutual advantage of South America and Britain. As these difficulties are progressively overcome, to come home and fight for their country. We brought back from Valparaiso not only British and French recruits, but South American volunteers as well.

The citizens of the various countries we visited are doing a great deal to support our cause, creating economic intercourse. The British colonies there are helping in every way, and sub-Latin-American nations.

### GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"This is the time of the year when Ed takes out the straw hat he packed away so neatly and carefully last autumn and decides to buy a new one!"

## NOMURA CALLS ON WELLES

But Tells Little

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—After a half hour meeting with Mr Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador, told pressmen that he hoped the feeling "between our two countries will become better and better."

It is understood that Admiral Nomura discussed the Far East situation, especially Indo-China, but he declined to make any observations on that question to the press, merely saying that he had "approached the subject from our side." The Admiral said that he had also discussed the question of Japanese ships being unable to pass through the Panama Canal and he stated that ships could not remain at the Canal "permanently." Eight or ten ships had gone to the south and would go round South America. Mr Sumner Welles had told him that the Canal was closed indefinitely to merchant shipping for repairs.

## Pleads Religion In Court

Woodstealers Escape

"I am a Roman Catholic and I do not tell lies," said Lam Yau, 37, married woman, making the sign of the cross when she denied a charge of obstructing the Police by giving information to unlawful wood-cutters of the arrival of the Police on Pokfulam hills yesterday before Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistrate's court.

Sergeant Stewart stated that a Chinese Policeman saw about ten men and women cutting wood and wanted to arrest them when Defendant raised an alarm and they ran away. He chased them but was only able to arrest Defendant. The woman had three previous convictions for forestry offences. She was fined \$20 or in default one month's imprisonment.

## Girl's Attempt To Wed At 15

BECAUSE her daughter, 15, was so much in love that she was feared she would run away from home, a Liverpool mother signed a form giving her consent to the girl's marriage.

The girl appeared at Liverpool Juvenile Court on a drink charge. Mr E. H. Sidgreaves, prosecuting, said the girl went to a Liverpool register office with a 20-year-old girl friend and a young Dutch seaman.

The girl asked for a special licence to marry her Dutch lover. She said she was 16, but the assistant registrar made inquiries and told the girl that she could not marry as she was under 16.

### Ruse Fails

Her girl friend then began to cry, and declared that the marriage would have to take place as the Dutchman was the father of the 15-year-old girl's expected child.

It was found that this story was an invention. The marriage did not take place. "I am astounded," said Mr J. Worrall, presiding magistrate, "that a girl of 15 could invent such a story to arrange her marriage." The girl was sent to an approved school.

## Smart Rescue By Swordfish

Off N. African Coast  
(BY "REUTERS" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

GIBRALTAR, July 23 (Reuter).—In the face of a hail of bullets from 200 hostile tribesmen acting as frontier guards, a Swordfish plane from Gibraltar, rescued the crew of a British bomber which crashed on the North African coast.

The Swordfish was sent out to find the bomber which was spotted and seen to have burnt out. The pilot circled round for ten minutes to investigate and saw 200 tribesmen grouped around the bomber and the crew farther off.

Taking advantage of a slight rise in the ground to keep out of sight of the main body of tribesmen, the crew dashed towards the Swordfish, zig-zagging as they ran, as the tribesmen opened fire when they realised what was happening.

The pilot turned the Swordfish so that the crew leaped up a thick smoke screen of dust, partly hiding the crew who scrambled aboard as the plane took off.

The Swordfish bore bullet marks when it returned to Gibraltar with the crew unhurt.

## Duke Of Kent To Visit Canada

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—The Dominions Office officially announced this evening that with the King's approval, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent will shortly be proceeding to Canada for a brief visit.

The Duke is greatly interested in the Commonwealth Air Training Plan and is desirous of seeing for himself some of the air training establishments where pilots and air crews are being trained.

The proposal has been warmly welcomed by the Canadian Government and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

### Announcement

OTTAWA, July 23 (Reuter).—H.R.H. the Duke of Kent will shortly be leaving for Canada. It is announced by Mr Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister.



# SOVIETS CONTINUE TO STALL FOUR BIG NAZI OFFENSIVES

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, July 23 (UP).—THE THIRTY-THIRD DAY OF BATTLE ALONG THE LONGEST BATTLEFRONT EVER KNOWN FOUND GERMANY'S TERRIFIC MASS OFFENSIVE APPARENTLY SLOWLY PUSHING THE SOVIET TROOPS BACK; HOWEVER, HITLER'S IMMENSE MILITARY ORGANISATION SO FAR HAS NOT SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING THE RUSSIAN RESISTANCE.

MOSCOW REPORTED THAT FOUR GERMAN DRIVES ARE PROCEEDING AGAINST THE SOVIET DEFENCES WITH UNABATED VIGOUR, ONE OF WHICH IS APPARENTLY AN ATTEMPT TO ENCIRCLE LENINGRAD.

The fortnight-long battle of Smolensk continues to rage, but apparently there is no material change in the front line positions.

A Moscow communique mentioned a strong Finn-German attack in the Petrogrodsk area, east of Lake Ladoga, while south of this around Prokov the Germans have launched a smashing attack towards Leningrad, thus endeavouring to pin the city between the encircling columns.

The Germans have made no specific claims to territorial gains, but Moscow has admitted that the Russians along the Kiev front have moved back to the Zhitomir area, 80 miles west of the Ukrainian capital and have retired to about 75 miles from Novograd-Volynsk.

## 37 Nazi Planes Down

MOSCOW, July 23 (UP).—A total of 37 German planes were brought down in the two air raids made on Moscow within 24 hours.

A communique states that the German thrust continues unabated on four fronts including in the newly mentioned Petrogrodsk area north of Lake Ladoga.

The second German army continues to hammer away in the Prokov area apparently aiming at enveloping Leningrad from the south. After a fortnight the battle of Smolensk proceeded without change.

The central Ukrainian front was marked by fierce fighting at Zhitomir, southwest of Novograd-Volynsk.

## Smolensk Not Taken

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" special correspondent learns reliably that Smolensk has always been and still is in Russian hands.

## Salla Sector

STOCKHOLM, July 23 (Reuter).—The German "Finnish" advance from Salla is now proceeding rapidly, having passed boggy land, according to the "Aften Bladet" correspondent at Helsinki.

The advance is evidently directed at Kandalaksha with the object of cutting the Russians off from Murmansk.

It is believed that the attacking forces are now within 45 miles of Kandalaksha.

## HAPPENINGS IN GERMANY

### Hess Mentor Held

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—The continued house arrest of the "geo-political" theorist, Dr. Haushofer, who was arrested at the time of the Hess flight, is reported by a "Reuter" correspondent "somewhere in Europe."

The same source reports that the belief is held in many German circles that the Army is likely to take over control of Germany from the Nazi Party, this autumn if by then big successes against Russia are not achieved.



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## Canterbury On Communists

Clear Issue Before Us

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—"We must wish every success to the valiant Russian armies and people in their struggle and be ready to give them every possible assistance," writes the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Canterbury Diocesan gazette.

It may seem strange to combine an alliance with Bolshevik Russia with the claim that we are contending for Christian civilisation, says the Prime Minister, but such misgivings are really misplaced for the first essential of the struggle is to overthrow the evil embodied in the rulers of Germany; a Nazi victory would destroy any tolerable form of government and the Soviets are contending for the principles of national freedom and independence.

## Anglo-Chinese Development Company

LONDON, July 22 (Central News).—Following the announcement of the establishment of an Anglo-Chinese Development Company at the China Campaign Committee luncheon to-day, the Board of Directors of the Company held a meeting at which the following decisions were taken:

The solicitors' report concerning the Company's documents was approved; the London Agency of the Bank of China and the Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., nominated the Company's bankers; Capital shares to be fully subscribed; the capital to be increased in view of subscription coming in; a general shareholders' meeting to be held in August or September; A panel of consulting experts to be established consisting of professional technicians and executives in several major engineering and chemical industries.

**Purchasing Machines**  
A sum of £15,000 being already raised, more subscriptions to be canvassed; to purchase immediately two sets of hand-woven fabric machines for the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives and to secure from the Government priority for raw materials and export licences in order that orders could be as soon as possible be executed and shipped to China by the manufacturers; Ways and means to be discussed to carry out the Finance Minister's suggestions to establish a £100,000 revolving credit for purchases of C. I. C.'s requirements. Although public enthusiasm and help is keen, it is realised that wartime conditions render rather difficult the problem of raising large sums. The interest to be fixed at 4½% which is reasonably low.

Finally, a scheme to be prepared for a nation-wide appeal in order to secure greater support and aid from Britain. More intensive publicity is being planned.

## Ferry Damaged Against Praya

The bow of the Star Ferry "Northern Star" was damaged this morning when the ferry crashed into the Praya wall adjacent to the Hongkong ferry wharf. It is believed that a strong current was the cause of the accident. Although the ferry was in reverse, the momentum carried it on.

Sullies on the ferry attempted to cast ropes onto the wharf, but the distance between the ferry and the wharf was too great. No persons were injured but a number standing near the gang-plank waiting to get on were thrown off their feet by the shock of the collision. Immediately after the passengers had disembarked, the ferry was taken off the service.

## Anglo-U. S. Counter To Japanese Move

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—The Japanese Embassy, announcing the receipt of an unconfirmed report that Japan and Vichy have reached an agreement again in Indo-China, declined to give the origin of the report.

A Japanese demand probably concerning Camranh Bay was expected here by a number of observers but the demand covering the occupation of the whole country came as a surprise.

Discussion of the possible demands has already taken place among the officials and legislative leaders in anticipation of Japanese action.

### Anglo-U.S. Measures

Unconfirmed reports suggest that joint Anglo-American economic measures are already planned against any Japanese aggressive move.

The three moves considered likely among well-informed commentators are the stoppage of United States gold purchases; the freezing of Japanese assets and complete embargo on essential exports to Japan.

Already it has been reported that Japanese gold shipments are so much above normal that it is likely that Japan has been acting as an intermediary to purchase dollars for the Nazis with German gold.

### Chinese Position

The possibility of China assisting Indo-China if she resists is felt to be impracticable here as the railway linking Indo-China and Yunnan was torn up on the Chinese frontier some time past and the movement of materials and men through such mountainous country is considered to be impossible.

On the other hand, the Chinese have made military expeditions in impossible terrain before now.

### Chiefly Naval Action

Japanese action, it is said, and when it begins, is expected to be chiefly naval, after which troops might be landed at Saigon and in the areas around Camranh.

Close observers believe that Japan has chosen this moment in a manner which suggests Axis timing, thinking that President Roosevelt is likely to do little while he is trying to get the Selective Extension Bill through Congress.

### In Own Interests

It is believed here that Japan is acting in her own interests rather than the Nazis' who may benefit incidentally. It is also suggested that Japan rightly or wrongly feels that action against Indo-China is the maximum aggressiveness which can be undertaken without rousing America and Britain to take up arms against her, and if it is successful, it would bring her within better striking distance of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies should a promising opportunity occur to attack those places later.

It seems certain, however, that the United States will take some action. A high State Department official in a private conversation is reported to have said recently that America was "prepared" if Japan moved aggressively against Indo-China, and Mr. Sumner Welles is seeing the Japanese Ambassador to-night and is believed likely to tell him that the result of Japanese aggression in Indo-China or elsewhere will be a further strain on American-Japanese relations.

### Even More Serious

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—The international situation is even more serious than the general public understands and it is rapidly becoming more serious, stated Mr. Andrew J. May, Chairman of the House of Representatives Military Commission, after leaving an executive session of the committee to-day.

### Knox Expects Action

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—There is no "question" but that the recent developments in the Far East, including Japanese censorship, meant new military developments in that area, said Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, at a press conference to-day.

"I look for movement out there—and very soon," said Colonel Knox, but he declined to discuss the possible direction of the move.

"No one can tell at this point whether it will go north or south," he said.

In reply to a question, Colonel Knox said that the United States Pacific Fleet was in position to do whatever was necessary to carry out American policy in the Far East.

### Indications of Unrest

VICHY, July 23 (Reuter).—There are signs of growing tension in the East, reported in a Shanghai dispatch to the official Vichy news agency.

This says that the suspension of visas for Japan was learned of to-day. Foreigners who recently arrived at Nagasaki to spend a holiday in Japan were not allowed to go to a certain summer resort on the coast. All Japanese shipping companies announced this morning that "because of the present situation" they would stop indicating the movements of their ships.

## Smolensk In Hands Of Soviets

False Nazi Claims

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent in Russia)

MOSCOW, July 23.—Smolensk, the key city on the Russian central front, is and always has been in Russian hands. I learn on good authority despite the German propaganda claims, later supported by the German High Command, that Smolensk was captured last Wednesday.

It is true that German advance units reached the outskirts of Smolensk some days ago, but they were driven away. Soviet communiques rightly continue to speak of "fighting in the direction of Smolensk."

Now the impression is gaining ground among competent observers that the second big German offensive, directed mainly against Smolensk, is exhausting itself owing to the formidable Russian resistance, by supply difficulties intensified by the great distances to be covered, and the frequent effective interference by Soviet guerrilla units.

### Roads Blocked

In addition, the Russians have set up many obstacles on the various but not numerous Smolensk-Moscow roads. While such obstacles somewhat hamper the Soviets' own present communications with the front, they may be regarded as one reason why the Germans are beginning to realise that a frontal attack on Moscow is a hopeless task and why they are endeavouring to explain to the German public that not Moscow but the "destruction of the Soviet Army" before Moscow is their immediate objective.

The whole situation in the Leningrad sector is more obscure. The Russians do not believe that the German thrust across the highly fortified Karelian Isthmus or around Lake Ladoga, with its difficult lake and waterway-cut terrain, can succeed.

### Leningrad

Danger to Leningrad is only possible from the southwest but the main Soviet troops in this sector are holding on grimly around Pskov and the position of the Germans here is not unlike Smolensk.

In any case the whole region between Pskov and Leningrad and also between Tallinn and Leningrad along the coast is largely composed of forest and marshes with few roads.

## HITLER'S LABOUR SHORTAGE

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).

The invasion of Russia has greatly increased Germany's labour difficulties, according to a statement from the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London, to-night.

Since the beginning of the year, the Nazis have been faced by a growing shortage of workers, and industrial workers from all over the continent are being sucked into the vacuum created by the intensive call-up in Germany.

A considerable new call-up for the Army began in January and continued until March. Even the more specialised workers from the armament factories were mobilised, and only a few key men of military age remain in agriculture which has been left mainly to old men, women and children, foreign labourers and prisoners of war.

There are about 380,000 in the building industries and these, it is stated, are mainly engaged in repairing what the R.A.F. knocks down because foreign workers are always placed in the most dangerous spots.

**Italians And Poles**  
LONDON, July 23 (British Wire).—It is revealed that foreign labour employed in Germany has reached a figure 1,800,000, including over 300,000 Italians.

Prisoners of war employed, according to figures given during the spring of 1941 (since increased), numbered about 1,300,000, of which about 1,000,000 were Poles.

German women have been mobilised almost to the limit, the latest figures showing that at least 8,400,000 are employed.

**Tobruk Sortie**  
CAIRO, July 23 (Reuter).—Another patrol raid was made at Tobruk last night when British troops penetrated to a considerable depth, but no serious clash with the enemy occurred.

A few casualties were inflicted.

## Britain's 5th Column Under Key

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).

When a resolution was moved in the House of Commons to-day for continuing the Defence Act emergency powers in operation for a further year, Captain O. Penke, Under-Secretary of the Home Office, revealed that in all 1,770 people had been detained under the famous regulation 18 D.

Captain Penke intimated that this number had fallen to-day to 782. Of this number, 292 persons were detained as members of an organisation which was subject to foreign influence or control. Some were British subjects only by accident of birth and there were also others belonging to a sort of international underworld which floated from one capital to another without any strong national loyalty.

## Eden And Maisky In Conference

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, accompanied by Lieut-General Gollub (who has just returned from Moscow) and Admiral Kharlamov, had a talk with the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Anthony Eden, this afternoon.

### Military Mission

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—M. Meilov and Colonel Dragun, two members of the Russian Military Mission, returned to London to-night after a visit to Moscow to report to the Soviet Government.

### Burma's Home Guards

RANGOON, July 23 (Reuter).—A Governor's Ordinance has been issued providing for the establishment of Home Guards.

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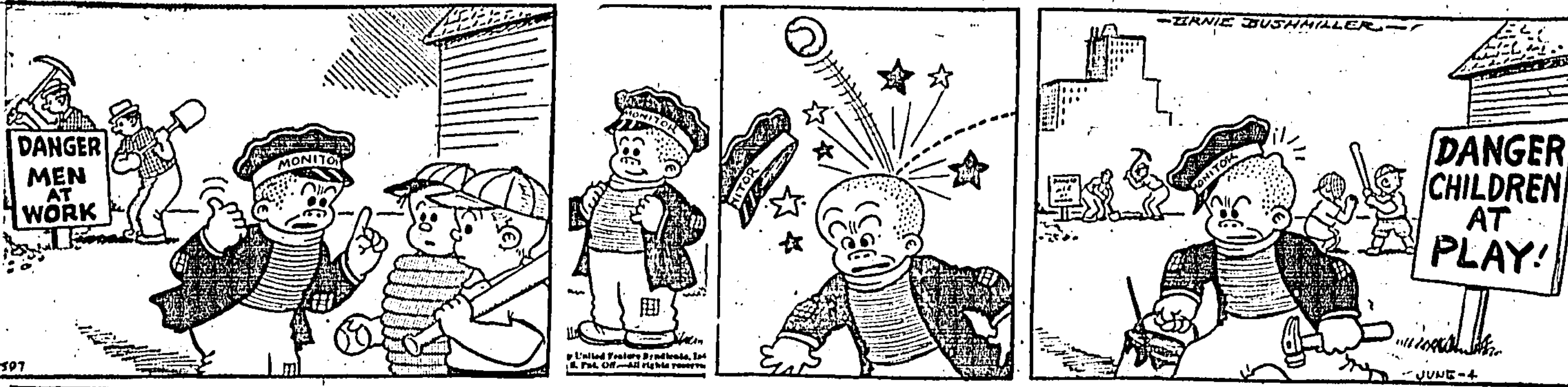






# NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## French Labourers Attempt Strike

ZURICH, July 23 (Reuter).—Commenting on Moscow's broadcasts inciting French workers to strike and sabotage, the "National Zeitung" says that widespread strike movements have been attempted among textile workers and coal-miners in Northern France but they were instantly throttled by the occupation authorities who close food shops and prevented the sale of food to strikers.

The Vichy authorities have a harder task to prevent strikes as they are reluctant to use similar drastic measures.

In the unoccupied zone, "staggered" strikes consisting of stoppages lasting several hours are successfully carried out by individual sheds, which is sufficient to hold up production in whole factories.

According to the French pro-German weekly paper "Gringoire," 19,000 former officials of the French Communist Party have been arrested and 9,000 have been interned of a total of 30,000.

## Poison Gas Considered By Nazis

Revelations Of Secret Documents

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuter).—Further details concerning the contents of secret documents (detailing instructions for the use of poison gas) which Soviet Russia claims were seized from routed German soldiers at Zapadnaia and Psychina on July 15 have now been disclosed.

According to the Russian authorities, the captured packets were sealed and stamped by the German High Command and addressed to the 2/52 Nebel Merfer Regiment.

Instructions Widespread

The high series of the numbers on one of the enclosed documents indicate that similar instructions were issued to a great number of other regiments.

The detailed explanations bore the date, July 11, and were for the concerted use of "withering" irritant gas shells, the purpose of which is to wear down the physique of the opponent, and then the use of blue-ringing and green-ringing gas shells containing vesicant (blistering) and other lethal gases.

## Houses In Safe Areas Popular

While residential property in the heart of London has slumped, Londoners are paying millions of pounds for country houses in safe areas.

Country houses are also in demand as clubs and offices.

Many estate agents, to deal with the business, have opened special departments.

One firm sold seven properties for £50,000, and properties valued at from £2,000 to £4,000 are snapped up as soon as they come on the market.

Purchasers are experiencing difficulty in getting staffs and are using only portion of their houses.

Rent Racketeering

Rent racketeering for flats and furnished rooms in the country still continues.

The premium and key money abuses have been revived.

The Minister for Health, Mr. Ernest Brown, campaigning on behalf of tenants, has launched hundreds of prosecutions against racketeers, but the fines are light, ranging from £5 to £20.

A premium of £25 and £10 10s. rent were charged for a flat the rent of which was officially assessed at £2.

A tenant who rented a cottage for 12s. a week sub-let one room for 35s. a week.

## NEW DEFENCE COMMISSAR

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuter).—M. Stalin has added another Vice-Commissar of Defence to the group whom he has gathered around him, bringing the total up to six.

The new Commissar is M. Persichin, who was formerly Commissar of Posts and Telegraphs.

## Possible Moves By Japan Envisaged

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, July 23.—There is little reason to doubt the authenticity of the news that Japan has given Vichy an ultimatum about Indo-China although no official confirmation has been received in London.

Seeing that the Japanese are already installed in Northern Indo-China, it will not be easy to prevent them spreading to the southern half.

It is probable, however, that the occupation of Indo-China is not an end in itself for the Japanese Government. Rather is it likely a jumping-off ground for their vaster plans of imperialist expansion.

Two Possibilities

Whether they will travel southwards against the Netherlands East Indies or westwards against Thailand in the hope of ultimately severing the Burma Road life-line of Chungking is in the lap of the gods, but it is clear that a move in either direction will constitute a direct menace to British and American interests and will doubtless be weighed very carefully by Japan before she embarks upon any action.

The situation is being closely watched both in London and Washington and the two governments have been in constant consultation with regard to all possible developments.

The Australian and other Dominion governments have also taken part in these exchanges of views.

Signs of Yielding

HANOI, July 23 (Reuter).—The paper "Arip" quotes Paris newspapers advising the French Government "to take precautions in view of the danger menacing Indo-China should the situation become more complicated."

"It is possible that a crisis infinitely more vast than the recent crisis in the Near East may arise in the Far East and in view of the material impossibility of military measures, diplomatic measures must be taken to ensure Indo-China's safety."

The report also confirms that the Japanese Ambassador in Vichy, Mr. Sokomatsu Kato, recently visited Admiral Darlan twice and recalls that the relations between Indo-China and Japan are determined by economic and political agreements which are in full force.

The publication of this item in the official government news agency appears to indicate that the Indo-China public is being prepared very soon for an announcement of agreement giving Japan new facilities in Southern Indo-China.

Indo-China Shipping  
SINGAPORE, July 23 (Reuter).—According to travellers, all French merchant shipping is forbidden in the last four or five days to leave Indo-China harbours. No reason was given.

## Indian Units Thanked By Army Council

SIMLA, July 23 (Reuter).—"On behalf of the Army Council, I wish to express deep appreciation of the contribution made by Indian troops to the successful operations in Syria," says Captain David Margesson, Secretary for War, in a special message to the Viceroy.

Captain Margesson adds that the supreme effort of the Indian brigade at Damascus was, in co-operation with the Free French, decisive in the capture of that city, while the speed and dash shown by the column advancing from Iraq into northeastern Syria were powerful factors in bringing the campaign to an early conclusion.

The Viceroy replied: "Your message of appreciation is deeply valued in India. We are all proud of the share the Indian troops had in the Syrian operations and count it a privilege that units of the Indian Army were able to play a worthy part."

## BRITAIN'S NEW DIVE BOMBER

LOS ANGELES, July 23 (Reuter).—Smashing a glass wand filled with oxygen across the propeller hub of a new dive-bomber for Britain, Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, declared "I christen thee Vengeance—the newest V in Britain's campaign for victory."

The dive-bomber, which is a low-wing monoplane and camouflaged, then roared off, climbed to 5,000 feet and went into a deafening dive to 1,000 feet while Vulture Aircraft workers cheered.

Lord Halifax spoke briefly reassuring the workers that "Britain is going to finish the job we started to do."

## Thailand Hopes For Neutrality

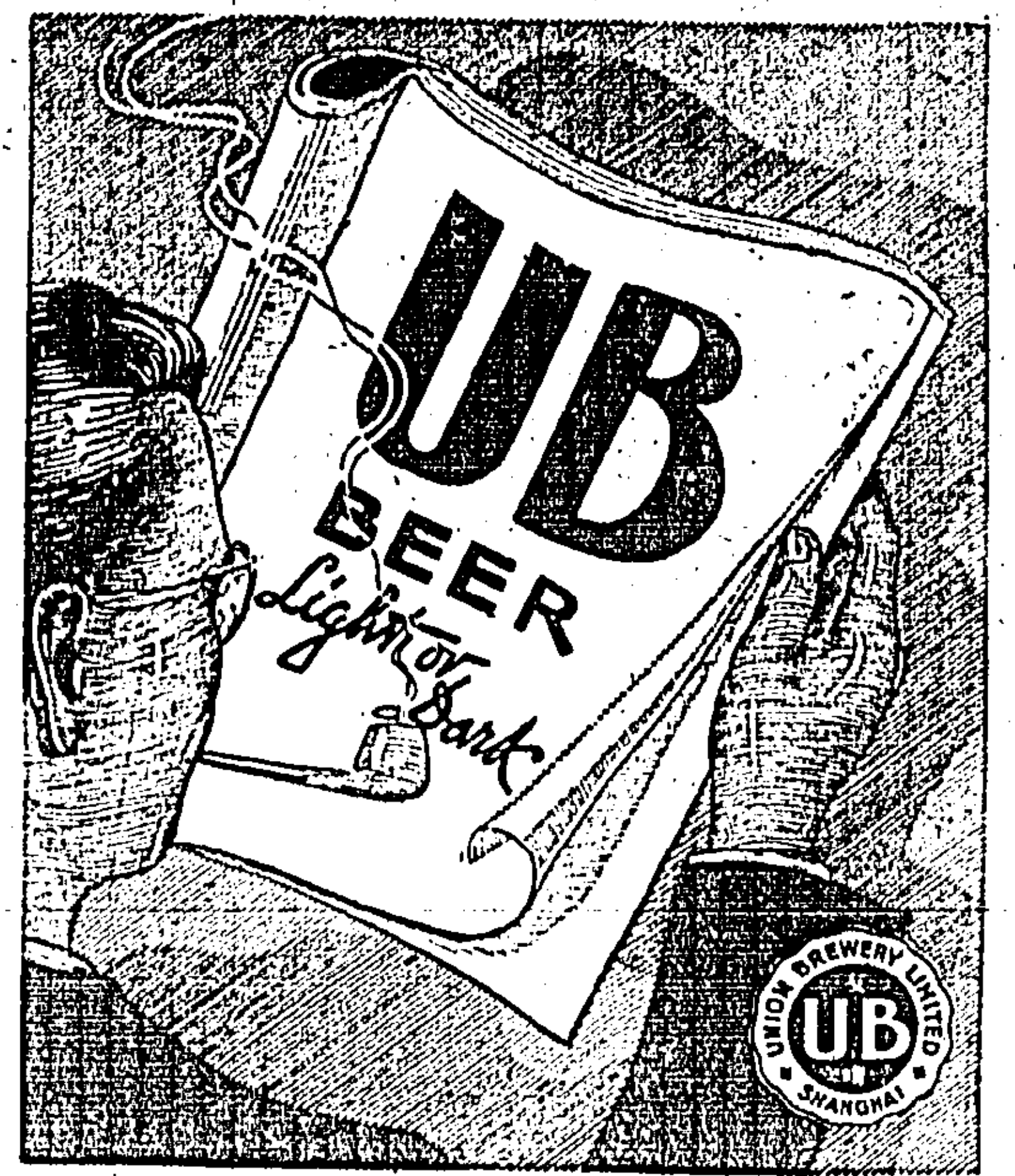
BANGKOK, July 23 (Reuter).—In view of the present tension in the Far East, in which Japanese intentions regarding Indo-China and Thailand are the subject of keen world-wide speculations, special importance attaches to Premier Luang Pibul Songgram's latest pronouncement of foreign policy.

Bidding farewell to the Thai official delegation proceeding to Battambang to take over Indo-China territory ceded under the Tokyo Treaty, the Premier strongly emphasised that Thailand will continue to adhere to strict neutrality.

## Transformation In Middle East

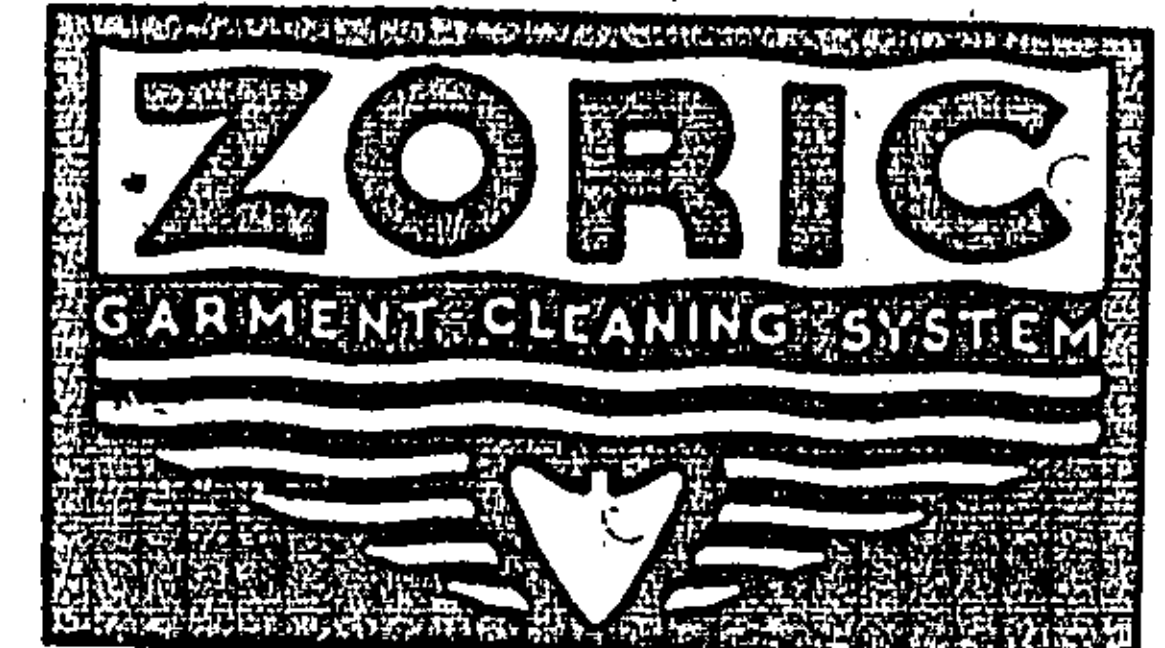
LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—"The position in the Middle East has been transformed as if by a miracle," said the Nawab of Rampore in a statement issued to-day and quoted by the Madras Radio.

"Following the suppression of the Iraqi revolt, Nazi domination of the Vichy administration of Syria has been checked and the safety of Egypt is assured. It is a grand thought for all Moslems that such should be the position to-day as compared with what we feared two months ago."



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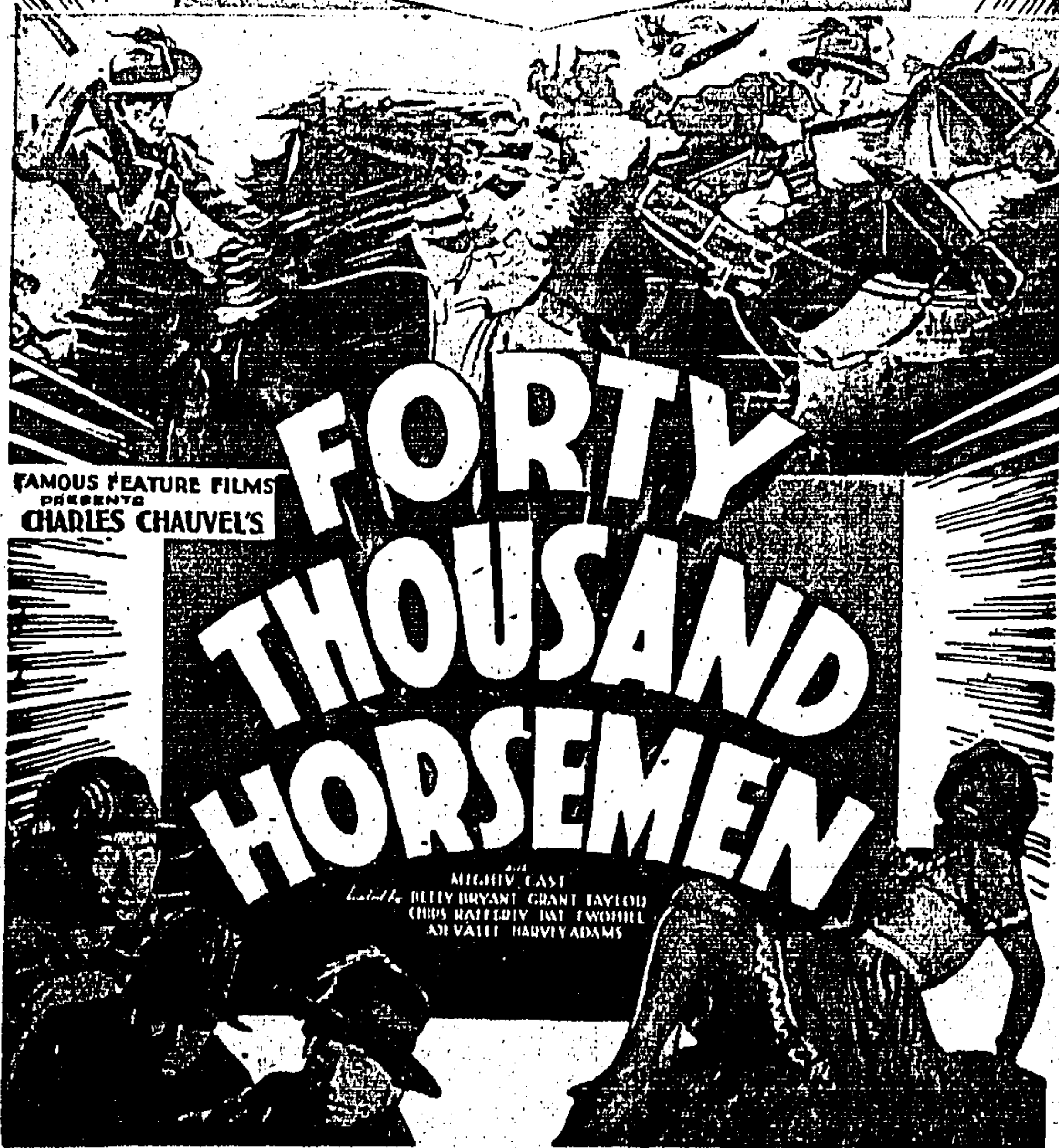
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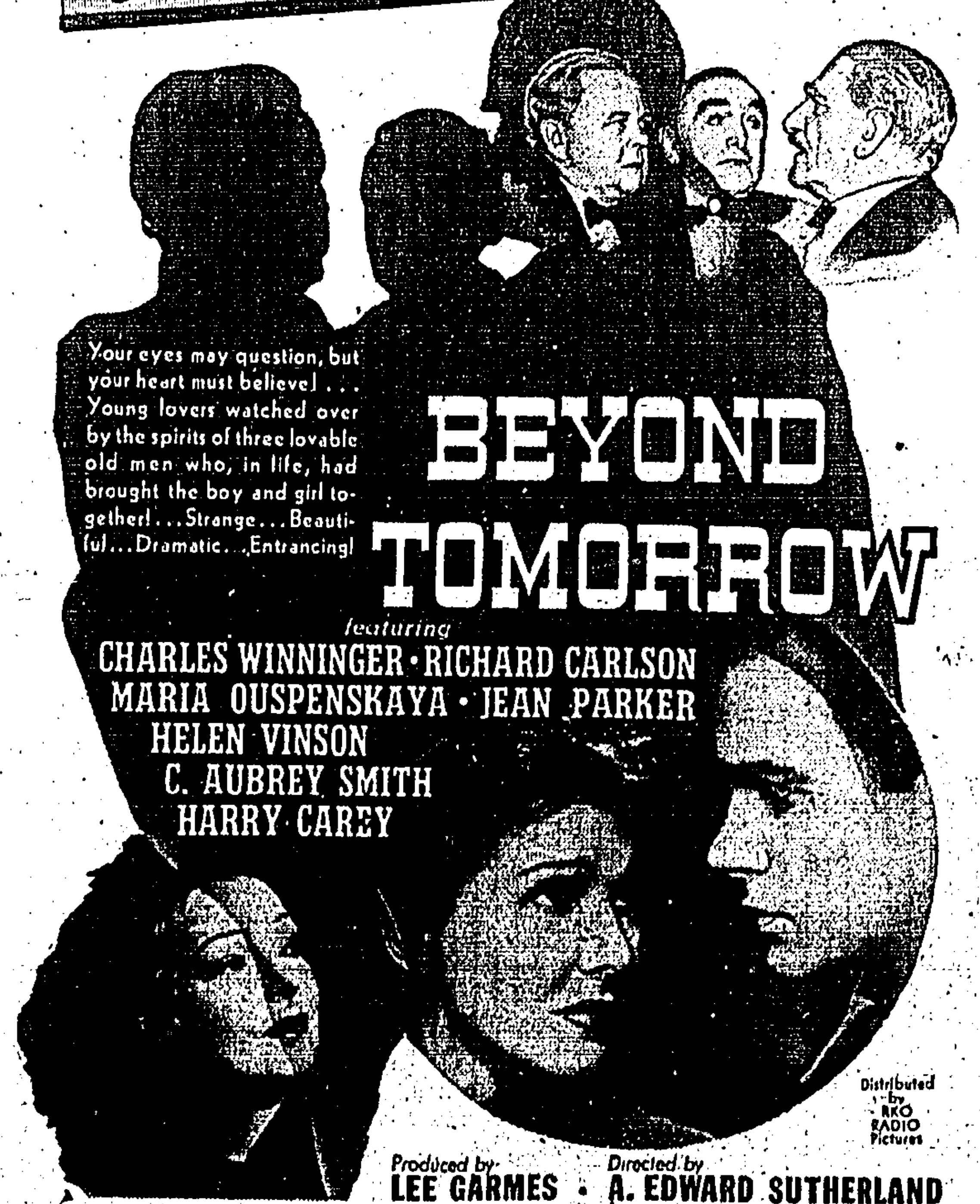
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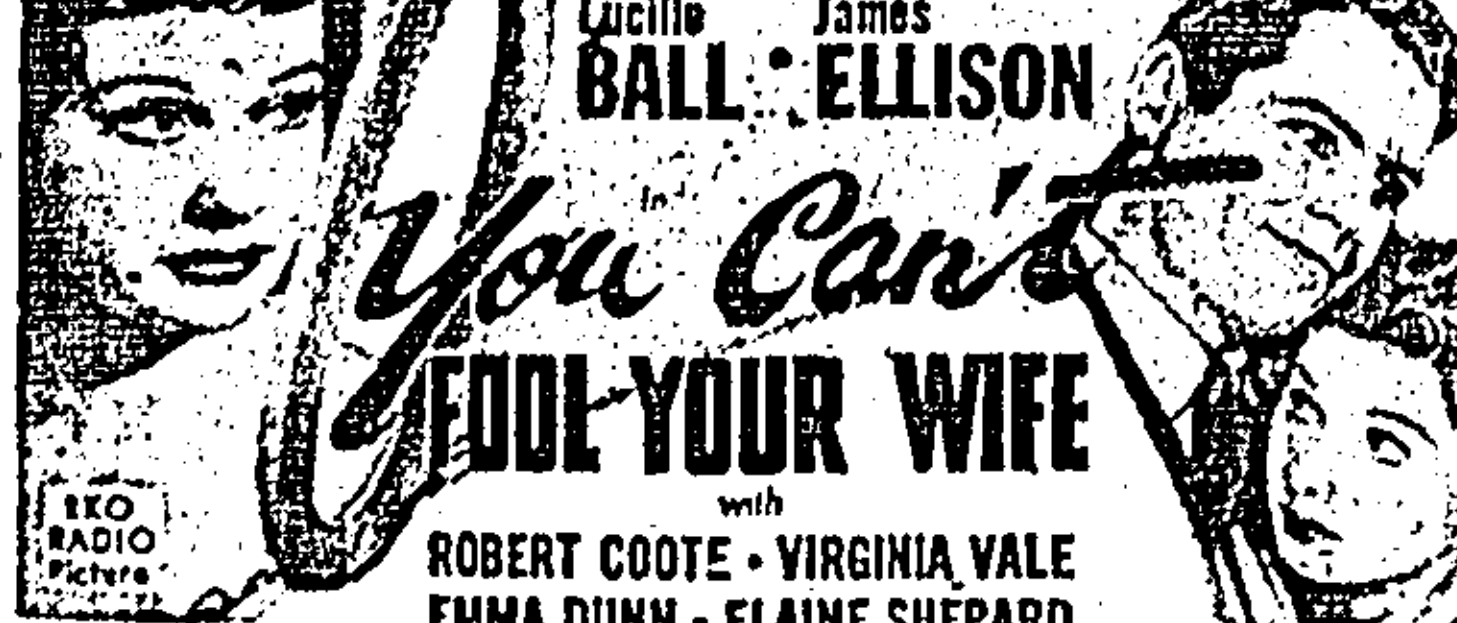
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## No British Designs On Indo-China, Thai

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acquire available rubber and tin before the United States and Britain are able to make pre-emptive purchases.

It is stated that from a total of 50,000 tons of the 1941 rubber crop, Japan has already secured approximately 30,000 tons compared with normal pre-war purchases of under 5,000 tons.

From roughly 18,000 tons of tin ore which is Thailand's yearly output, British, Australian and to a lesser extent the United States-controlled concerns seem to be assured of about 13,000 tons which is destined for smelting in Malaya, the remainder going to Japan.

**Petain's Hint**  
VICHY, July 23 (Reuter).—"We shall again perhaps have to defend our colonies," said Marshal Petain, addressing students at Aix-en-Provence Military Academy to-day. "If any new adventures should ever be undertaken, I hope that we shall face them with the same energy and vigour as we showed in Syria." "We are obliged to protect our colonies and the whole of our Colonial Empire on which our neighbours have their eyes. We must be able to defend it. We must be ready for all eventualities."

**Japanese Cabinet**  
LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—The Japanese Privy Council met to-day at the Imperial Palace, and it is announced that an extraordinary session will be held before the end of the week. The official announcement says that the special session will discuss various questions confronting the nation.

**London Comment**  
LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—"Daily Telegraph" leader on Indo-China says: "An excuse for this latest piece of belligerence Japan is resorting once again to the threadbare Axis tactic of pretending that it is necessary to forestall alleged British designs."

"It should hardly have needed Mr Eden's categorical repudiation to convince Vichy that this is a mischievous lie invented by Tokyo for Tokyo's own ends. Yet Vichy apparently prefers to believe that it is Britain, not Japan, who is about to commit an aggression against Indo-China and put into the mouth of its radio commentator the statement that this would be an 'unthinkable act of piracy by Britain who seems bent on launching attacks on the colonies of her old ally'."

**Petain's Useless Pledge**  
"Once more it appears as if Petain's pledge to protect the French Empire is a pledge never to be honoured except when, as in Syria, Britain intends to eject the Axis intruders whom Vichy has openly aided and abetted."

"If and when Japan proceeds to the occupation of Indo-China, whether or not with the connivance of Vichy, it will be an act of aggression against which Britain will not be without means of effective reprisal."

"It is obvious that Japan's primary purpose in Indo-China is to use it as a jumping off point for eventual military designs on British, Dutch and American interests and possessions in the Western Pacific. That aspect of the situation is unlikely to be lost upon any one of these intended victims."

**With French Consent**  
The "Yorkshire Post" in a leader says: "We shall pay no attention to claims that the Japanese are acting with French consent. The Japanese want to occupy Indo-China as a base for possible operations at some promising future date against the Dutch East Indies, British Malaya and possibly Thailand. The mastery of the vast Pacific area stretching from Singapore through Hongkong and the Philippines to Australia, is their ultimate goal. That is what their talk of an Eastern Asia co-prosperity sphere means."

It is therefore, certain that whatever Japan does in Indo-China will not be watched with indifference either in London or Washington."

**The "Scotsman"**  
The "Scotsman" leader says: "Neither Britain nor the United States could be indifferent to the Japanese occupation of Indo-China or even of selected key points in that country. It would be interpreted as the first move in a policy which is Japanese domination in that quarter of the Pacific Ocean. It is a threatening situation, but not one that need in the meantime be taken too seriously. Japan is in no position to invite a battle with a powerful adversary."

"The 'Liverpool Daily Post' says: 'One would look for some caution from a calculating people like the Japanese, but militarists and imperialists are evidently in complete control in Tokyo and as experience has shown, there is hardly a limit to their ambitions.'"

## Vichy Concedes New Bases To Japan

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tum and no pressure brought to bear from Germany.

**Vichy Crawl**  
VICHY, July 23 (Reuter).—After saying that the agreement of August, 1940, recognises that Japan has rights due the nation most interested in the maintenance of order in the Far East, the official Vichy news agency adds: "The Japanese are of the opinion that events reported in the immediate neighbourhood of Indo-China constitute a threat to this order, of which they are the defenders."

"French political observers are of the opinion that in these circumstances the Japanese request to take certain measures may be taken into consideration as long as the rights of France in Indo-China are not encroached upon and all guarantees concerning her sovereignty are given her."

## TROOPS TO MOVE

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trend, when Japan will be confronted with the necessity of deciding her position towards Siberia. Diplomatic reports indicate that Japan's basic policy is still to the southward, plus the settlement of the Chinese war, while Russia provides a diversion later; however, that may occur in the event of a Russian collapse, when Japan might move in order to remove the Vladivostok menace and to prevent Germany from dominating Siberia, which would be most unwelcome for Japan's East Asia programme.

**All Bookings Cancelled**  
SHANGHAI, July 24 (Reuter).—Following the suspension of visas, the Japanese authorities are now reported to have cancelled all local and foreign bookings for Japan indefinitely regardless of nationality. All foreign passengers on the Kobe Maru, including many Axis nationalists, were turned back this morning just before the ship's departure, being told that no foreigners were allowed to go to Japan until further notice.

## Blenheims Sink Ship

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—Blenheim bombers were out this morning and afternoon searching for enemy shipping off the coast of France and the Low Countries, states the Air Ministry. During these operations, one constant vessel was sunk and another was damaged.

Other Blenheims, escorted by a strong force of fighters, bombed objectives near Saint Omer early in the afternoon. British fighters encountered a number of enemy fighters and destroyed five of them.

British losses in all these operations were five bombers and five fighters, but the pilot of one fighter is safe.

## Latest Communique

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, July 23 (UP).—An Air Ministry communique issued late this evening states that Blenheim bombers escorted by fighters attacked objectives near Bethune and encountered considerable opposition from fighters and anti-aircraft fire. Five German fighters were destroyed, and five British fighters are missing.

Early this morning, raiders visited several parts of the British Isles including Liverpool, Northern Ireland and a north-east England town.

## Coolie's Liberties With Mail

Tsun Kwun-chuk, 35, a coolie employed by Messrs Gilman and Company was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning when he pleaded guilty to larceny of three letters addressed to the Company.

Mr D. Fitches stated that in June, the Company inserted an advertisement in certain Chinese newspapers regarding "Cur coupon" which was attached to the advertisement, and any one returning it with 25 cents worth of stamps would receive a packet of pills. A number of complaints had since been received by the Company that no pills had been sent.

**Watch Kept**  
A watch was kept on Defendant who collected letters from the Company's box in the Post Office, and yesterday after taking delivery of a number of letters, Defendant took some back to the Company but kept three in his pocket. He then went to take tea, after which he went to an opium den where he was arrested with the letters in his possession. Mr Fitches added that Defendant has been employed by Gilman's for the past eight years and was paid \$33 a month.

## LATE NEWS

### Donation To Bomber Fund

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## 3,000 Special Constables Wanted

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ing are the main conditions of service:—

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Applicants must be physically fit. When mobilised to perform full time duty, rates of pay will be:—

Rank.	Rate per day on which duty is performed.
Inspector	\$7.00
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Constable	\$1.50

When on part time duty (i.e. so long as members are not mobilised for full time duty) rates of pay will be:—

Rank.	Rate per day on which duty is performed.
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Sub Inspector	\$3.00
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Lance Sergeant	\$1.50
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### Guarantors Necessary

It is learned that recruiting will start immediately, and applications to join will be received at Central Police Station, on the ground floor next to the Central Magistracy, Arbutnot Road, from Monday to Friday between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Applications for enrolment are required to be endorsed by a guarantor. Upon enrolment, members of the Special Constabulary will undergo a course of training consisting of lectures on police duties and drill parades. Pay will not commence until completion of training.

### No Firearms

It is understood that the Special Constabulary will not be provided with firearms. Selected men were last year invited to join a similar body about the same time that the row-defence Peace Preservation Corps was established. After a brief period of training, the few who joined were released from service, and nothing further had been heard of the scheme until now.

## Berlin Admits Advance Slowed

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hardest nuts the Germans have yet had to crack.

### Soviets Sink Convoy

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuter).—Ten enemy ships were sunk, were sunk when Soviet bombers attacked an enemy convoy, states the official Soviet news agency. Five ships were sunk by a Soviet destroyer. The convoy was apparently intercepted in the Baltic when proceeding north. Soviet fighters on patrol flashed back the news of the presence of enemy ships.

Soviet bombers repeatedly attacked the ships while destroyers shelled the transports. The enemy vessels exploded and sank.

### Moscow's Good News

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuter).—A Soviet communique issued to-night by the Soviet Information Bureau announced: "During July 23 stubborn battles against the enemy were engaged in the Polotsk-Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir directions and on the Bessarabian sector of the front."

"At one point of the Bessarabian front, our forces routed an enemy motorized regiment, capturing 400 cars, 300 motor cycles, 32 armoured cars, 25 guns, eight mine-throwers and other armaments."

"Our air force during July 23 delivered concentrated blows upon enemy mechanized units and aircraft on aerodromes."

### Nazi Reinforcements

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—German occupation troops, including those of the older classes, are reported to have been withdrawn from Rumania and Bulgaria to reinforce the troops on the eastern front, according to a "Reuter" correspondent cabling from "somewhere in Europe."

### German Claims

BERLIN, July 23 (UP).—According to the official news agency, 97 Soviet planes were shot down in air battles and 33 were destroyed on the ground yesterday. Seven German planes were lost.

### Odessa Bombed

BERLIN, July 23 (UP).—Yesterday, German bombers attacked the oil tanks and important military objectives at Odessa, causing powerful explosions and fires, according to the official news agency.

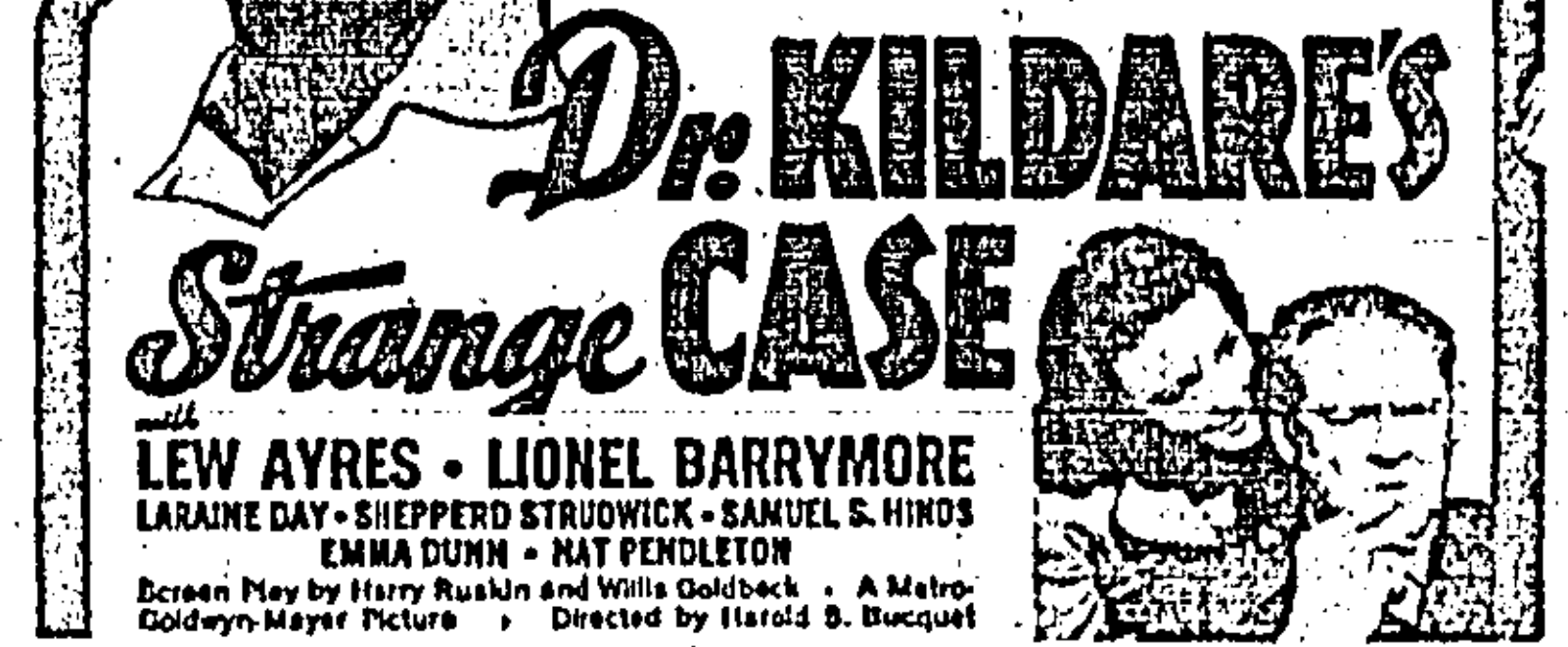
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